

THE
EIGHTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
TOWN OF QUINCY:

PREPARED BY THE SELECTMEN,

TOGETHER WITH THE

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE TOWN TREASURER, MANAGERS OF THE
MT. WOLLASTON CEMETERY, TREASURER OF THE WOOD-
WARD FUND, TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY,
AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE;

WITH A

LIST OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS,

PREPARED BY THE TOWN CLERK.

For the Year Ending Feb. 1, 1876.



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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1875 - 76.

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor and Surveyors of Highways.
 ENSIGN S. FELLOWS, JOHN Q. A. FIELD, WILLIAM A. HODGES.

Town Clerk.
 GEORGE L. GILL.

Town Treasurer.
 HORACE B. SPEAR.

School Committee.
 JOHN Q. ADAMS, CHAS. L. BADGER, Terms expire March, 1876.
 JAMES H. SLADE, WILLIAM B. DUGGAN, " " " 1877.
 CHAS. F. ADAMS, JUN., EDWIN W. MARSH, " " " 1878.

Superintendent of Schools.
 FRANCIS W. PARKER.

Collector of Taxes.
 GEORGE H. LOCKE.

Auditors.
 EDMUND B. TAYLOR, THOMAS CURTIS, W. L. FAXON,
 LUCIUS W. LOVELL, H. A. KEITH.

Fire Engineers.
 EDWARD A. SPEAR, CHIEF, JOHN W. HALL, AMOS M. LITCHFIELD,
 HERBERT M. FEDERHEN, MICHAEL WALSH, JAMES H. ELCOCK.

Constables.
 EDWARD A. SPEAR, JOSEPH T. FRENCH,
 WILLIAM C. SEELYE, WILLIAM PARKER,
 MICHAEL W. GERRY, JAMES H. ELCOCK,
 JAMES E. MAXIM, P. F. LACY,
 W. M. FRENCH, JAMES HAVERHAN,
 MICHAEL WALSH, GEORGE B. PRAY.

Trustees of the Public Library.
 CHAS. F. ADAMS, JUN. CHAS. A. FOSTER, Terms expire March, 1876.
 HENRY BARKER, H. A. KEITH, " " " 1877.
 L. W. ANDERSON, EDWARD WHICHER, " " " 1878.

Managers of the Adams Academy.
 CHAS. H. PORTER, PETER BUTLER, Terms expire March, 1876.
 JOSIAH P. QUINCY, HENRY BARKER, " " " 1877.
 CHARLES F. ADAMS, L. W. ANDERSON, " " " 1878.

Managers of the Mt. Wollaston Cemetery.
 E. S. FELLOWS, CHAIRMAN, GEORGE L. GILL, SEC'Y,
 BENJAMIN F. CURTIS, GEORGE L. BAXTER, Terms expire March, 1876.
 HENRY F. BARKER, ABNER B. PACKARD, " " " 1877.

Representative to the General Court.
 JOHN D. WHICHER.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF QUINCY:—

In compliance with a vote passed at the last annual town meeting, the Selectmen beg leave to present herewith their report of the receipts and expenditures of the town during the year ending Feb. 1, 1876.

It will be noticed that the amounts expended for miscellaneous expenses, and for the fire department, have exceeded the appropriations. The excess in the former was largely caused by the fact that the town by vote directed that the cost (\$756.50) of the preparation of the list of tax-payers and taxable property should be paid from that appropriation. The unusually large number of fires during the year has caused the excess in the latter.

No other items in the report need any special mention.

Respectfully submitted,

ENSIGN S. FELLOWS,	} <i>Selectmen.</i>
WILLIAM A. HODGES,	
JOHN Q. A. FIELD,	

SELECTMEN'S CASH ACCOUNT.

The Selectmen have received from the Treasurer, during the year ending Feb. 1, 1876, as per Treasurer's Report,

\$84,380 92

They have paid out as follows: —

For Schools,	\$30,408 98	
Superintendent of schools,	1,576 65	
Repairs of highways,	6,412 58	
Removal of snow, and miscellaneous expenses of highways,	1,994 17	
Almshouse,	4,082 01	
“ poor out of,	4,667 36	
Mt. Wollaston cemetery,	2,308 82	
Old cemetery,	60 00	
Fire department,	4,720 37	
Purchase of hose,	1,250 00	
Reservoirs,	100 00	
Grand Army of the Republic,		
Post 88,	200 00	
Repairs of town buildings,	361 34	
Miscellaneous expenses,	3,018 14	
Town hall,	770 78	
Police station,	366 21	
Bridges,	1,187 19	
State aid,	3,067 80	
Street lamps,	2,075 03	
Discount and abatement of taxes,	5,025 97	
Extension of Phipps Street,	488 97	
“ “ Sumner Street,	559 07	
New street from Pleasant Street to land of C. F. Adams,	79 80	

Amounts carried forward, \$74,781 24 \$84,380 92

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$74,781 24	\$84,380 92
New street from Willard Street to land of Granite Railway Co.,	175 87	
New street from Quincy Avenue to Elm Street,	50 38	
Silver, Charles, and River Streets,	107 99	
Widening Granite Street,	667 38	
“ bridges at West Quincy,	917 80	
Culvert on Water Street,	458 05	
Public Library,	3,200 00	
Committee on Steam Fire Engine,	21 25	
Copying Braintree Records,	9 25	
Town officers,	3,991 71	
	—————	\$84,380 92

The items of the above sums, with their credits, if any, can be found under their appropriate heads, as per Index, pages 3, 4.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

The amount of money paid out by the Selectmen on account of schools and repairs of school-houses, for the year ending Feb. 1, 1876, is, \$30,408 98

The items of the expenses can be examined on reference to the report of the school committee.

HIGHWAYS.

REPAIRS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE SELECTMEN.

CENTRE DISTRICT.

ENSIGN S. FELLOWS, *Surveyor.*

Paid W. T. Curtis, gravel,	\$8 40
Patrick McDonnell, gravel,	112 70
Jacob Wells, stone,	11 50
M. Olim, “	3 00
S. Maloney, “ and labor,	55 75
Joseph Landry, “	5 75
Jos. Sanville, “	15 75
Chas. Blaisdell, “	1 50
M. Goodhue, “	15 50
McKenzie & Patterson, stone chips,	2 25
Frederick & Field, stone chips and dust,	4 50
Richard Newcomb, stock and labor,	11 81
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$248 41

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$248 41
Luke Rideout, setting edgestone	
and grading,	6 65
Horace Feltis, bolts and posts,	15 00
Albert Holt, gravel and labor,	3 80
James Sullivan, labor with team,	99 74
John McDonald, " " "	12 25
S. Maloney, "	11 40
John Donahoe, "	37 80
Michael Collins, "	27 45
James O'Brien, "	40 05
Patrick Sullivan, "	55 80
Timothy O'Brien, "	53 55
Wm. Crathorne, "	55 35
Dennis Ford, "	49 50
Michael Scully, "	48 75
Jeremiah Falvey, "	45 45
Edward Burns, "	12 60
John McCarty, "	40 95
Michael Dunn, "	42 30
Jos. H. Thayer, "	6 30
Jas. J. Mahoney, "	5 40
B. McGillicuddy, "	3 15
James Connors, "	11 25
John Lary, "	48 15
Jeremiah Shea, "	63 45
Timothy Golden, "	31 50
Thomas Gilrain, "	9 00
Eugene Falvey, "	9 00
Peter Welsh, "	14 40
H. E. Durgin, "	6 30
Daniel Griffin, "	1 25
Thomas Sheahan, "	8 10
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Total amount of cash paid,	\$1,124 05
Labor from the Almshouse,	358 75
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1,482 80

Amount brought forward,

\$1,482 80

SOUTH DISTRICT.

JOHN Q. A. FIELD, *Surveyor.*

Paid Charles H. Spear, gravel,	12 88
Churchill & Hitchcock, stone,	30 50
Jacob Wells, “	2 00
William Shea, “	25 00
Joseph Sanville, “	1 50
Turner, Kidney & Co, paving, &c.,	95 00
William Mitchell, stone chips,	16 33
C. H. Hardwick & Co., stone chips and stone,	14 62
Frederick & Field, stone chips and dust,	31 87
C. F. Billings, drain cover,	12 00
A. M. Litchfield, building fence,	93 50
Alexander McFee, relaying culvert,	30 00
S. Maloney, setting edgestone,	24 40
John Q. A. Field, carting stone,	25 00
John Q. A. Field, use of team & man,	10 60
M. Sheahan, labor with team,	28 00
John McDonald, “ “ “	50 75
John Kilshaw, “ “ “	37 63
Patrick Garvey, “ “ “	14 00
James O'Brien, “	27 45
Timothy O'Brien, “	32 40
Dennis Ford, “	43 65
William Crathorne, “	37 80
Michael Scully, “	26 55
Michael Dunn, “	52 65
Patrick O'Brien, “	23 85
Jeremiah Falvey, “	46 80
Thomas Gilrain, “	18 00
J. Welsh, “	10 80
John McCarty, “	25 65

Amounts carried forward,

\$901 18 \$1,482 80

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$901 18	\$1,482 80
Paid Edward Burns, labor,	25 65	
John Donahoe, "	18 45	
Michael Collins, "	23 85	
James O'Neil, "	29 40	
John Lary, "	10 80	
Jeremiah Shea, "	7 20	
William Garvin, "	5 40	
J. Wentworth, "	2 00	
William Garland, "	1 80	
Eugene Falvey, "	8 10	
James Griffin, "	13 50	
William Griffin, "	52 20	
Patrick Griffin, "	9 00	
Patrick Brennon, "	1 80	
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Total amount of cash paid,	1,110 33	
Labor from the Almshouse,	183 06	
	<hr/>	1,293 39

WEST DISTRICT.

JOHN Q. A. FIELD, *Surveyor.*

Paid Edw. Burns, repairing fence and labor,	\$9 50	
John McKenzie, gravel and labor,	1 25	
Thomas O'Brien, 2d, "	8 48	
R. G. Elliott, "	6 56	
John Woddick, "	6 40	
P. J. Donohoe, "	6 60	
J. Q. A. Field, "	11 20	
Michael Halpine, stone,	2 85	
F. & C. Wilson, "	12 80	
Granite Railway Co. "	9 50	
O. T. Rogers & Co. " chips, &c.	103 47	
Elcock & Sons, "	10 00	
Rideout & Chamberlin, stone and labor,	20 00	
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$208 61	\$2,776 19

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$208 61	\$2,776 19
Paid N. H. Beals, posts,	12 00	
Alex. McFee, labor, with team and derrick,	27 00	
Alex. McFee, relaying culvert,	10 00	
John Mealey, laying wall and edge- stone,	107 87	
Jonas Shackley, stock and labor,	22 43	
J. Q. A. Field, use of man and team,	30 00	
John McDonald, labor with team,	7 00	
Patrick Sullivan, " " "	17 50	
S. Maloney, "	2 00	
Timothy O'Brien, "	51 30	
Dennis Ford, "	61 20	
William Crathorne, "	62 10	
William Garvin, "	1 80	
Michael Scully, "	43 20	
Michael Dunn, "	43 20	
Patrick O'Brien, "	7 20	
Jeremiah Falvey, "	43 20	
Michael Collins, "	5 40	
John Donahoe, "	31 05	
J. Welsh, "	3 60	
James Connors, "	3 60	
John McCarty, "	47 70	
Edward Burns, "	18 00	
James O'Brien, "	22 50	
B. McGillicuddy, "	1 80	
Evan Evans, "	2 00	
James O'Neil, "	20 70	
James Griffin, "	25 20	
William Griffin, "	27 90	
Michael Maney, "	3 60	
Peter Welsh, "	12 15	
Patrick Brennon, "	6 30	
Thomas Gilrain, "	13 50	
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$1,002 61	<hr/> \$2,776 19

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$1,002 61	\$2,776 19
Paid Jeremiah Shea, labor,	23 40	
John Lary, "	9 00	
Eugene Falvey, "	23 40	
Thomas Duffy, "	2 70	
William Boyd, "	9 90	
H. E. Durgin, "	1 80	
Daniel Griffin, "	2 50	
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Total amount of cash paid,	1,075 31	
Labor from the Almshouse,	384 68	

Blue Hill Turnpike.

Paid Maurice Sheahan, labor		
with team,	\$10 50	
Edward Burns, "	5 40	
William Crathorne, "	5 40	
Dennis Ford, "	5 40	
T. O'Brien, "	5 40	32 10
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Labor from the Almshouse,	6 00	
	<hr/>	1,498 09

WOLLASTON AND NORTH DISTRICT.

WILLIAM A. HODGES, *Surveyor.*

Paid Lawrence Bellew, stock and labor		
on pump,	29 75	
Thomas Scott, gravel,	1 00	
Bernard Gerry, " and plank,	1 80	
William Emery, "	25 00	
J. Q. A. Field, stone and carting,	68 02	
S. A. Fletcher " " chips,	7 50	
Charles F. Adams, stone,	15 15	
Churchill & Hitchcock, stone,	8 00	
Henry Barker & Sons, "	27 00	
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$183 22	\$4,274 28

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$183 22	\$4,274 28
Paid J. Hays, gravel,	70	
W. C. Seelye, building culverts,	118 25	
Smith & Smith, gutter,	63 00	
G. W. Billings, repairing culvert,	5 00	
Geo. E. Faxon, setting edgestone,	10 40	
Pratt & Co., lumber,	1 06	
H. B. Harding, lantern,	1 25	
A. M. Litchfield, building fence,	68 18	
Richard Newcomb, drain-box,	2 00	
John Q. Wild, cap-stones and setting,	35 00	
Jas. Forrest, labor of sundry persons,	71 75	
Wm. Mahoney, gravel and labor,	18 30	
S. Maloney, laying bridge, Beale St.,	160 00	
“ “ wall, Greenleaf St.,	53 25	
“ setting edgestone, “	10 20	
“ laying wall and culvert,	122 00	
“ setting edgestone,	18 20	
J. A. Pope, labor with team,	11 00	
E. Billings, “ “ “	3 50	
Bernard Gerry, “ “ “	52 75	
J. Sullivan, “ “ “	77 74	
John McDonald, “ “ “	15 75	
Thomas Sheahan, “ “ “	79 65	
George Sheahan, “ “ “	78 75	
Maurice Sheahan, “ “ “	15 75	
D. Dinegan, “ “ “	14 00	
Patrick O'Brien, “	13 05	
Wm. Crathorne, “	61 65	
Dennis Ford, “	59 85	
Michael Scully, “	87 75	
Michael Dunn, “	71 55	
Jeremiah Falvey, “	29 70	
John Donahoe, “	69 75	
Michael Collins, “	22 05	
Timothy O'Brien, “	61 20	
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$1,767 20	<hr/> \$4,274 28

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>		\$1,767 20	\$4,274 28
Paid James O'Brien,	"	41 85	
Thomas Gilrain,	"	85 75	
J. Lyons,	"	1 80	
C. Moriarty,	"	15 00	
John Welsh,	"	51 30	
John McCarty,	"	36 00	
Timothy Coffee,	"	10 80	
Edward Burns,	"	3 60	
Patrick Sullivan,	"	25 20	
Patrick Bellew,	"	16 00	
Matthew Kelliher,	"	41 85	
B. McGillicuddy,	"	28 80	
Michael Griffin,	"	32 40	
James Connors,	"	45 00	
John Lary,	"	59 85	
Jeremiah Shea,	"	54 90	
William Garvin,	"	28 80	
M. Brewer,	"	9 45	
Thomas Scott,	"	9 00	
John Dorrity,	"	13 05	
Peter Welsh,	"	12 15	
Eugene Falvey,	"	6 75	
Timothy Golden,	"	19 00	
John Hays,	"	10 80	
Peter Martin,	"	1 80	
Patrick Farrell,	"	1 20	
Total amount of cash paid,		\$2,429 30	
Labor from the Almshouse,		507 50	
			\$2,936 80
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>			\$7,211 08

Amount brought forward, \$7,211 08

POINT DISTRICT.

ENSIGN S. FELLOWS, *Surveyor.*

Paid Estate of W. Abercrombie, gravel,	48 08
F. Costeric, "	18 40
Quincy Point Land Co., "	8 72
Mitchell, Wendell & Co., stone,	9 20
Ebenezer Adams, labor,	1 50
James Sullivan, labor with team,	50 75
John Donahoe, "	17 10
Michael Collins, "	42 75
James O'Brien, "	22 50
Timothy O'Brien, "	18 90
William Crathorne, "	18 90
Dennis Ford, "	18 90
Michael Scully, "	18 90
Jeremiah Falvey, "	18 90
Edward Burns, "	18 90
Thomas Gilrain, "	18 90
James Connors, "	24 30
John Welsh, "	8 10
John McCarty, "	17 10
Patrick O'Brien, "	1 80
Michael Dunn, "	1 80
C. Moriarty, "	33 00
Michael Sullivan, "	19 35

Total amount of cash paid,	\$456 75
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Labor from the Almshouse,	149 75
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\$606 50

Amount carried forward,

\$7,817 58

Amount brought forward,

\$7,817 58

EAST DISTRICT.

- ENSIGN S. FELLOWS, *Surveyor.*

Paid John Q. Adams, gravel,	\$17 60
Richard Newcomb, re-laying bridge,	81 64
James Sullivan, labor with team,	15 75
John McDonald, " " "	15 75
James H. Thayer, "	3 60
Jas. J. Mahoney, "	3 60
James Connors, "	3 60
John McCarty, "	3 60
John Lary, "	4 50
Jeremiah Shea, "	2 70
Dennis Ford, "	4 50
Michael Dunn, "	4 50
Timothy O'Brien, "	4 50
Jeremiah Falvey, "	4 50
John Donahoe, "	4 50
William Crathorne, "	3 60
James O'Brien, "	4 50
Michael Scully, "	1 80

Total amount of cash paid,	\$184 74
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Labor from the Almshouse,	26 50
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\$211 24

Total cost of repairs on highways,	\$8,028 82
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Appropriation,	\$9,000 00
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Expenses,	8,028 82
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Expenses less than appropriation,	\$971 18
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MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES OF HIGHWAYS AND REMOVAL
OF SNOW.

Paid S. K. Tarbox, sharpening tools,	7 60
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J. Q. Wild & Co. " "	67 18
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Amount carried forward,

\$74 78

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$74 78	
Paid T. W. Carter, " "	2 50	
Thomas Elcock, " "	5 73	
Macomber, Bigelow & Dowse, tools,	42 52	
Morss & Whyte, gravel-screens,	21 00	
Jarvis French, posts,	4 96	
Charles Newcomb, signs and labor,	20 02	
Whitman & Breck, surveying,	20 00	
A. M. Litchfield, removing fence,	12 68	
G. F. Elcock, care of roads,	4 00	
Tirrell & Sons, snow-plow,	9 00	
S. Maloney, digging well, &c.,	15 00	
John Kilshaw, removing outbuilding,	1 00	
Whitney & Nash, powder, &c.,	9 85	
Jonas Shackley, platform for pump,	1 50	
		<hr/> \$244 54
Paid sundry persons for removal of snow :		
South District,	\$74 50	
North "	580 79	
East "	544 70	
West "	137 90	
Point "	217 29	
Centre "	180 94	
Refreshments to laborers,	13 51	
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Total amount of cash paid,	\$1,749 63	
Labor from the Almshouse,	30 00	
		<hr/> \$1,779 63
		<hr/> \$2,024 17
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Expenses,	\$2,024 17	
Appropriation,	2,000 00	
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Expenses more than appropriation,	\$24 17	

NEW STREETS, ETC.

EXTENSION OF PHIPPS STREET.

Paid Ira Litchfield, stock and labor,	\$13 69
Peter J. Hernan, land damages,	60 00
Mrs. J. Healy, " "	40 00
Thos. M. Elcock, sharpening tools,	11 78
Churchill & Hitchcock, stone,	1 50
Whitman & Breck, surveying,	4 00
J. Q. A. Field, carting stone,	10 00
John McDonald, labor with team,	7 00
Eugene Falvey, "	72 80
James Griffin, "	52 20
Frank Cully, "	7 65
Lawrence Rossiter, "	11 25
William Griffin, "	3 60
Timothy O'Brien, "	14 40
Edward Burns, "	10 80
Michael Dunn, "	23 40
Jeremiah Shea, "	19 80
John Lary, "	19 80
William Garvin, "	13 50
Wm. Crathorne, "	11 70
Jeremiah Falvey, "	21 60
James O'Brien, "	9 00
Thomas Sheahan, "	4 50
Matthew Kelliher, "	5 40
Dennis Ford, "	5 40
Thomas Gilrain, "	3 60
Michael Collins, "	1 80
Patrick Cully, "	18 00
Michael Scully, "	3 60
John Donahoe, "	3 60
Patrick Brennon, "	3 60

Total amount of cash paid, \$488 97

Labor from the Almshouse, 140 00

\$628 97

Expenses,	\$628 97
Appropriation,	600 00
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Expenses more than appropriation,	\$28 97

EXTENSION OF SUMNER STREET.

Paid George F. Bigelow, land damages,	\$350 00
Whitman & Breck, surveying,	25 00
John McDonald, labor with team,	7 00
William Crathorne, " "	17 55
Timothy O'Brien, " "	17 55
John Donahoe, " "	16 65
Michael Dunn, " "	17 55
Michael Scully, " "	17 55
Dennis Ford, " "	17 55
Jeremiah Falvey, " "	17 55
James O'Brien, " "	17 55
James Connors, " "	13 95
John McCarty, " "	9 00
John Coffee, " "	6 75
Patrick Garey, " "	7 87
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Total amount of cash paid,	\$559 07
Labor from the Almshouse,	97 50
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\$656 57

Appropriation,	\$850 00
Expenses,	656 57
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Expenses less than appropriation,	\$193 43
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LARY STREET, FROM WILLARD STREET TO LAND OF GRANITE
RAILWAY CO.

Paid Whitman & Breck, surveying,	\$15 00
John Lary, labor,	12 75
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$27 75
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<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$27 75	
Paid James O'Brien, labor,	11 25	
Timothy O'Brien, "	16 50	
John Donahoe, "	10 12	
Jeremiah Falvey, "	16 50	
Jeremiah Shea, "	16 50	
Dennis Ford, "	16 50	
William Crathorne, "	16 50	
Michael Dunn, "	13 50	
James Gorman, "	12 00	
Joseph Miller, "	3 75	
Thomas Gilrain, "	9 00	
William Garvin, "	6 00	
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Total amount of cash paid,	\$175 87	
Labor from the Almshouse,	79 50	
	<hr/>	\$255 37

Appropriation,	\$300 00
Expenses,	255 37
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Expenses less than appropriation,	\$44 63

QUINCY PLACE, FROM PLEASANT STREET TO LAND OF C. F.
ADAMS.

Paid Whitman & Breck, surveying,	\$15 00
John Lary, labor,	1 80
Jeremiah Shea, "	8 10
Micheal Dunn, "	1 80
Dennis Ford, "	9 90
William Garvin, "	9 90
Jeremiah Falvey, "	9 90
William Crathorne, "	9 90
Timothy O'Brien, "	9 90
James O'Brien, "	3 60
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Total amount of cash paid,	\$79 80
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$79 80

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$79 80	
Labor from the Almshouse,	27 00	
	<hr/>	\$106 80

Appropriation,	\$150 00
Expenses,	106 80
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Expenses less than appropriation,	\$43 20

HIGH SCHOOL AVENUE, FROM QUINCY AVENUE TO ELM STREET.

Paid Whitman & Breck, surveying,	\$20 00	
John Lary, labor,	2 55	
James O'Brien, "	2 25	
Timothy O'Brien, "	3 30	
John Donahoe, "	2 03	
Jeremiah Falvey, "	3 30	
Jeremiah Shea, "	3 30	
Dennis Ford, "	3 30	
William Crathorne, "	3 30	
Michael Dunn, "	2 70	
James Gorman, "	60	
Joseph Miller, "	75	
Thomas Gilrain, "	1 80	
William Garvin, "	1 20	
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Total amount of cash paid,	\$50 38	
Labor from the Almshouse,	39 50	
	<hr/>	\$89 88

Expenses,	\$89 88
Appropriation,	75 00
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Expenses more than appropriation,	\$14 88

SILVER, CHARLES AND RIVER STREETS.

Paid Richard Newcomb, building culvert,	\$33 99
John Lary, labor,	6 75
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$40 74

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$40 74	
Paid Jeremiah Shea, labor,	6 75	
Michael Dunn, "	8 55	
Dennis Ford, "	8 55	
William Garvin, "	8 55	
Jeremiah Falvey, "	8 10	
William Crathorne, "	7 20	
Timothy O'Brien, "	7 20	
James O'Brien, "	3 60	
James Sullivan, " with team,	8 75	
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Total amount of cash paid,	\$107 99	
Labor from the Almshouse,	49 50	
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		\$157 49
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Appropriation,	\$180 50	
Expenses,	157 49	
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Expenses less than appropriation,	\$23 01	

WIDENING GRANITE STREET.

Paid Whitman & Breck, surveying,	\$12 00
William H. Jones, building wall,	141 30
A. J. Chase, drilling holes,	5 25
F. & C. Wilson, stone, &c.,	99 19
A. M. Litchfield, building fence,	23 64
Horace Feltis, posts, &c.,	28 60
E. Menhinick, laying wall, &c.,	55 00
Jeremiah Shea, labor,	18 00
John Lary, “	5 40
William Crathorne, “	25 20
Michael Dunn, “	23 40
Michael Scully, “	23 40
Thomas Gilrain, “	5 40
Eugene Falvey, “	23 40
Jeremiah Falvey, “	22 50
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<i>\$511 68</i>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$511 68	
Paid Timothy O'Brien, labor,	24 30	
James Griffin, "	23 40	
William Griffin, "	23 40	
John Donahoe, "	25 20	
John McCarty, "	24 30	
James O'Neil, "	11 70	
Dennis Ford, "	21 60	
William Boyd, "	1 80	
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Total amount of cash paid,	\$667 38	
Labor from the Almshouse,	126 25	
	<hr/>	\$793 63
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Expenses,	\$793 63	
Appropriation,	450 00	
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Expenses more than appropriation,	\$343 63	

About \$250 of the above excess, for the removal of gravel, is properly chargeable to the South and West Districts, to which the gravel was conveyed.

WIDENING BRIDGES ON CEMETERY AND COPELAND STREETS.

Paid Elcock & Sons, Cemetery-st. bridge,	\$397 00
" " wall,	22 00
S. Maloney, Copeland-st. bridge	
and brook,	119 00
O. T. Rogers & Co., stone, &c.,	182 14
Elcock & Sons, "	10 50
Whitman & Breck, surveying,	16 00
Charles McDonald, laying stone,	42 75
G. F. Elcock, hanging lanterns, &c.,	5 00
Timothy O'Neil, rep'g fence,	3 61
William Smith, labor,	1 00
James Griffin, "	7 20
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$806 20

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$806 20	
Paid William Griffin, labor,	7 20	
James O'Neil, "	31 50	
Patrick Garrity, 2d, "	8 10	
James Kelly, "	1 80	
Patrick Flaherty, "	3 60	
Edmund Duggan, "	3 60	
Jeremiah Shea, "	2 25	
John Lary, "	4 05	
Eugene Falvey, "	10 80	
Thomas Gilrain, "	9 00	
Timothy O'Brien, "	8 10	
Jeremiah Falvey, "	9 90	
Dennis Ford, "	2 70	
Thomas Duffy, "	9 00	
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Total amount of cash paid,	\$917 80	
Labor from the Almshouse,	42 00	
	<hr/>	\$959 80

Appropriation,	\$1000 00
Expenses,	959 80
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Expenses less than appropriation,	\$40 20

CULVERT ON WATER STREET.

Paid Whitman & Breck, surveying,	\$18 00
Churchill & Hitchcock, drain-stone,	270 00
E. Menhinick, labor,	35 00
Charles Gill, "	29 75
James O'Neil, "	31 95
Timothy O'Brien, "	2 70
John McCarty, "	14 40
John Morrissey, "	7 20
Michael Dunn, "	7 20
John Donahoe, "	11 70
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Amount carried forward, \$427 90

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$427 90	
Paid Dennis Ford, labor,	7 20	
William Crathorne, "	90	
James Griffin, "	5 40	
William Griffin, "	7 20	
Patrick Griffin, "	5 85	
Patrick Brennon, "	3 60	
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Total amount of cash paid,	\$458 05	
Labor from the Alms house,	8 00	
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		\$466 05
Appropriation,	\$550 00	
Expenses,	466 05	
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Expenses less than appropriation,	\$83 95	

ALMSHOUSE.

N. A. DURGIN, SUPERINTENDENT.

DR.

Paid N. A. Durgin, services, self and wife,	\$491 70
Daniel Griffin, labor,	80 91
Horace E. Durgin, “	208 69
G. Glover, “	26 50
W. Falvey, “	12 00
Michael Dunn, “	5 40
John Donahoe, “	5 40
Thomas Noble, “	15 00
William Shea, “	46 16
Jeremiah Shea, “	3 60
John Lary, “	1 80
Dennis Ford, “	1 80
John Curley, “	3 15
Charles F. Arnold, “	16 50
Nora Daley, “	183 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1,101 61

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,101 61
Paid Peck & Hall, horse,	250 00
Joshua Wilkins, exchange of horses,	150 00
J. Loud & Co., grain, &c.,	597 51
H. W. Gray, groceries,	92 47
James N. Blake, “	79 74
Ebenezer Bent, “	98 52
I. W. Munroe & Co., “	66 66
Whitney & Nash, “	24 49
Daniel Baxter, “	14 13
Wallace H. Cook, provisions,	91 46
G. F. Wilson, “	234 61
G. Totman & Son, “	249 18
W. A. Hodges, flour, butter, &c.,	75 59
F. Hardwick, “	95 75
D. B. Stetson, boots and shoes,	40 20
John H. Wheble, fish,	20 46
“ pigs,	20 90
D. H. Bills, coal,	18 75
Cyrus Patch, “	105 35
E. S. Fellows, bedsteads,	2 75
Keating & Spear, “	6 00
J. A. Gordon, M.D., services,	25 00
C. C. Johnson, medicines,	30 57
John H. Veazie, “	42 48
E. H. Treadway, “	8 75
Geo. J. Jones, harness and repairs,	67 61
Ralph Lowe, rep'g harness,	4 12
E. A. Adams, grass-seed,	2 55
William Garrity, expressing,	5 40
J. S. Shea, expressing and screen,	3 60
C. F. Pierce, pails, &c.,	4 30
Hosea B. Ellis, carting lumber,	6 00
J. T. Ripley, killing hogs,	5 50
E. E. Fellows, stove, pipe, &c.,	29 15
Whittemore Bros., cutter,	8 50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$3,679 66

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$3,679 66
Paid Ames Plow Co., plow,	24 70
Horace Feltis, horse-shoeing, &c.,	28 70
J. Q. Wild & Co., “	74 30
E. B. Souther, time-books, &c.,	1 95
Wm. H. French, repairing boilers,	2 50
N. A. Durgin, cash paid for cloth,	25 00
Tirrell & Sons, drag, snow-plow, &c.,	25 39
Richard Newcomb, stock and labor,	5 31
S. K. Tarbox, repairing wagon,	3 50
J. P. Cotton & Son, pump and labor,	33 00
George J. Jones, pig,	15 00
Managers of Mt. Wollaston cemetery, hay,	65 00
Bowditch & Co., expressing,	50
George H. Locke, hay-rigging,	35 00
J. Q. A. Field, wood,	62 50
Total am't of cash paid for almshouse,	\$4,082 01

ALMSHOUSE, CR.

Appraisal of Stock, Tools, Provisions, &c, Feb. 1, 1876.

4 horses,	\$800 00	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$1,221 00
Cow and calf,	100 00	Ladders,	5 00
9 harnesses,	130 00	Street roller,	150 00
Hay cutter,	8 00	Pr. wheels and scraper,	15 00
Blankets, surcingles,	7 00	Horse-sled,	5 00
Feed-box and chest,	5 00	8 snow-plows,	55 00
Grain,	8 00	1 covered and 1 open	
4 tons English hay,	88 00	wagon,	25 00
3 “ Hungarian hay,	45 00	Drag and jack,	4 00
1½ “ salt “	18 00	Sleigh and pung,	12 00
Mowing-machine,	12 00	Manure,	60 00
<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$1,221 00	<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$1,552 00

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$1,552 00	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$2,350 50
Wheelbarrow,	1 00	120 lbs. sugar,	13 20
Tools and yokes,	40 00	70 " tea,	31 50
3 screens,	25 00	20 lbs. dried apples,	2 80
4 carts,	210 00	Tobacco,	8 00
Blocks and tackle,	4 00	50 fowls,	50 00
Large grain-chest,	8 00	3 pigs,	55 00
50 empty barrels,	7 50	Hams and shoulders,	13 00
Wood,	180 00	350 lbs. salt pork,	45 00
Posts and rails,	5 00	Soap,	2 25
2 hay wagons,	75 00	25 gallons molasses,	17 50
Road tools,	125 00	40 pounds lard,	6 00
6 tons coal,	48 00	100 " salt fish,	6 00
Grindstone, axes,		1½ barrels flour,	13 50
vise, and carpenter's tools,	10 00	50 lbs. butter,	16 00
80 bushels potatoes,	60 00	30 " coffee,	6 00
		Sewing Machine,	60 00
<i>Carried forward,</i>	<u>\$2,350 50</u>		<u>\$2,696 25</u>

SALES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Produce sold,	\$82 95	
Cow " "	55 00	
		<u>\$137 95</u>

STATEMENT OF THE ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Dr.

To stock on hand, Feb. 1, 1875,	\$2,392 75	
Cash paid as per this report,	4,082 01	
		<u>\$6,474 76</u>

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By stock on hand, Feb. 1, 1876,	\$2,696 25	
Cash received for produce and cow,	137 95	
Labor on highways,	1,616 24	
" " new streets, &c.,	609 25	
" removing snow,	30 00	
		<u>\$5,089 69</u>
Total cost of Almshouse,		<u>\$1,385 07</u>

SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

DR.

Paid Worcester Lunatic Hospital, support of T. G. Kennedy,	\$79 65
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Wm. F. Hinckley,	196 85
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Mary T. Rodman,	198 71
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Susan Hunt,	185 40
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of John Cullen,	211 65
† Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Lydia A. Hayden,	33 00
* Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Mary O'Hearn,	196 34
* Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Catherine V. Saville,	191 05
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Ellen Scannell,	118 32
† Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of A. N. Davenport,	202 24
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of E. G. Hobart,	12 00
† Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Cordelia J. Soule,	25 50
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, sup- port of R. G. Cass,	192 30
State Reform School, support of Miles Cronin,	19 50
State Reform School, support of Wm. F. Rowell,	26 92
State Industrial School, support of Eliza A. Mangan,	14 42

Amount carried forward, \$1,903 85

* Refunded.

† To be refunded.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,903 85
Paid City of Boston, support of John Cluse,	23 06
City of Boston, support of Timothy Curtin,	15 07
City of Boston, support of J. N. Dexter,	59 00
City of Boston, support of Mary Simmons,	47 18
City of Boston, support of C. M. Saville,	12 00
City of Boston, support of John Cluse, 2nd,	61 07
City of Boston, support of Thomas Ahearn,	4 00
City of Boston, support of Eliza McMahan,	4 13
City of Boston, support of Wm. T. Riley,	6 12
City of Boston, support of John Dooner,	1 00
City of Haverhill, support of Talbot children,	129 63
City of Somerville, support of John and Mary G. Gallagher,	25 50
Town of Milton, support of Wm. Buchan,	35 75
Town of Brookline, support of C. M. Saville,	20 00
Town of Revere, support of T. M. H. Rowell,	91 88
Town of Dover, coffin, &c., for C. M. Saville,	27 00
* G. W. Griffin, support of Mrs. Moses,	60 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$2,526 24

* Refunded.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2,526 24
† Paid Mrs. David Hade, support of John Tate,	21 00
† Jacob Wells, support of Delia W. Hayden and child,	5 00
Terence Keenan, rent for Mrs. G. Packard,	72 00
A. M. Litchfield, rent for Mrs. N. E. Glover,	175 00
B. F. Curtis, rent for Mrs. A. L. Jones,	30 00
J. Underwood, " " "	60 00
Stephen Neagle, " " "	27 00
Estate of H. Wood, rent for Cronin children,	10 62
† Mrs. H. C. Tucker, rent for Mrs. K. Harrington,	4 00
Dan'l Baxter, rent for Mrs Denward,	60 00
† C. M. Fales, goods to Chas. M. Shaw,	6 00
Horne & Bird, " J. Cronin,	18 25
C. A. Spear, " "	12 00
† T. Gurney, goods to Chas. M. Shaw,	42 00
" goods to D. Mahoney,	2 00
Elbridge Clapp, goods to J. Cronin,	22 03
† G. Totman & Son, goods to James Friele,	2 00
Fredk. Hardwick, goods to J. Cronin,	33 34
† " goods to Delia W. Hayden,	15 13
† Fredk. Hardwick, goods to Mrs. K. Harrington,	15 31
S. F. Newcomb, goods to Hayden children,	104 00
S. F. Newcomb, goods to Jonathan Spear,	129 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$3,391 92

† To be refunded.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3,391 92
Paid S. F. Newcomb, goods to Loring Newcomb,	6 00
S. F. Newcomb, goods to L. L. White,	29 00
† M. Goodhue, goods to P. Corcoran,	7 65
Jas. N. Blake, goods to Mrs. McMahon,	4 00
† Jas. N. Blake, goods to Hugh Cahill,	7 83
Jas. N. Blake, goods to Thos. Welsh,	3 00
“ goods to Mrs. H. Lewis,	12 00
G. F. Wilson, goods to Mrs N. E. Glover,	240 07
Ebenezer Bent, goods to Mrs. A. L. Jones,	51 50
† Ebenezer Bent, goods to James Friele,	21 78
Ebenezer Bent, goods to Mrs. W. Savage,	8 00
Ebenezer Bent, goods to Mrs. G. Packard,	3 00
† Henry Chubbuck, goods to Thos. Somes,	5 00
† Henry Chubbuck, goods to S. H. Leavitt,	7 00
Henry Chubbuck, goods to J. H. Thayer,	4 00
Henry Chubbuck, goods to J. W. Welsh,	3 00
T. E. Furnald, goods to J. Cummings,	85 54
† T. E. Furnald, goods to S. H. Leavitt,	1 00
T. E. Furnald, goods to E. A. Brown,	2 90
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$3,894 19

† To be refunded.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3,894 19
Paid Wallace H. Cook, goods to Mrs. H. Lewis,	6 68
George Saville, goods to J. Cronin,	3 00
“ goods to J. Gallagher,	2 65
E. E. Fellows, goods to J. Cronin,	3 35
† E. A. Adams, goods to L. P. Holbrook,	2 00
E. A. Adams, goods to P. H. Garrity,	12 00
† H. W. Gray, goods to L. E. Johnson,	4 00
H. W. Gray, goods to Thos. Welsh,	6 58
† Daniel Baxter, goods to Delia W. Hayden,	5 00
Daniel Baxter, goods to Mrs. Denward,	2 00
† J. A. Gordon, M.D., attendance on Hugh Cahill,	9 00
J. A. Gordon, M.D., attendance on Mrs. Denward,	12 00
J. A. Gordon, M.D., attendance on B. Dunn,	8 00
J. A. Gordon, M.D., attendance on Mrs. H. Lewis,	35 00
J. A. Gordon, M.D., attendance on J. McCarty,	4 00
† J. A. Gordon, M.D., attendance on Delia W. Hayden,	8 00
J. A. Gordon, M.D., attendance on D. Mahoney,	10 00
† J. H. Gilbert, M.D., attendance on Delia W. Hayden,	17 00
J. H. Gilbert, M.D., attendance on John Wren,	17 00

Amount carried forward, \$4,061 45

† To be refunded.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$4,061 45
Paid J. H. Gilbert, M.D., attendance	
on B. Dunn,	54 00
J. H. Gilbert, certif. of insanity,	
E. G. Hobart,	3 00
J. H. Gilbert, M.D., certif. of in-	
sanity, W. B. Wallace,	3 00
John H. Veazie, medicines to	
J. McCarty,	3 00
† John H. Veazie medicines to	
Delia W. Hayden,	3 40
John H. Veazie, medicines to	
H. Lewis,	1 30
John H. Veazie, medicines to	
J. Cummings,	2 50
John H. Veazie, medicines to	
B. Dunn,	6 05
John H. Veazie, medicines to	
J. Wells,	50
John H. Veazie, medicines to	
P. Garrity,	50
John H. Veazie, medicines to	
sundry poor persons,	7 10
* C. C. Johnson, medicines to	
Mrs. Moses,	1 00
C. C. Johnson, medicines to	
——— Walsh,	4 12
* John Hall, coffin, &c., for Mrs.	
Moses,	20 00
† John Hall, coffin, &c., for	
Louisa Blake,	17 00
* John Hall, coffin, &c., for Mil-	
ler infant,	5 00
John Hall, coffin, &c., for J.	
Cronin,	24 00

Amount carried forward, \$4,216 92

* Refunded.

† To be refunded.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$4,216 92
Paid John Hall, coffin, &c., for E. G. Hobart,	12 50
* John Hall, coffin, &c., for infant found,	5 00
John Hall, coffin, &c., for H. Lewis,	19 00
John Hall, coffin, &c., for C. L. Wilmarth,	20 00
W. M. French, conveying Mary Desell to Tewksbury,	9 00
W. M. French, conveying E. G. Hobart to Taunton,	8 90
D. K. Flint, conveying paupers,	75
O. C. & N. R., “ “	1 20
Wm. A. Hodges, cash and t'k'ts to poor persons,	9 85
Wm. A. Hodges, cash for conveying M. Green to State Almshouse,	3 00
E. S. Fellows, cash to poor persons,	28 50
J. Q. A. Field, cash to poor persons,	6 33
† Owen Adams, fuel to Jas. Friele,	4 13
“ “ J. Cronin,	5 37
Cyrus Patch, “ Mrs. A. L. Jones,	4 28
“ “ “ G. Packard,	8 56
“ “ “ Savage,	4 28
“ “ C. F. Ford,	4 28
“ “ Ellen O'Brien,	4 28
“ “ Jno. Donovan,	4 28
“ “ M. Connor,	6 28
“ “ J. Callahan,	4 28
“ “ Mrs. Morrison,	4 28
D. H. Bills, “ J. McCarty,	4 63
“ “ J. Donovan,	4 63

Amount carried forward, \$4,404 51

* Refunded.

† To be refunded.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$4,404 51
Paid D. H. Bills, fuel to	W. Burke,	13 38
"	Mrs. R. Morris,	7 13
"	Jno. Connell,	4 63
"	Mrs. A. L. Jones,	4 63
"	" Callahan,	9 13
"	" T. Wood,	9 00
"	" G. Packard,	4 63
"	Garrett Daly,	4 63
†	" L. P. Holbrook,	5 13
"	Mrs. McCann,	6 76
"	" J. Forbes,	6 76
"	" J. Hall,	12 51
"	" M. Ryan,	4 63
"	" M. Connor,	7 50
"	" E. O'Brien,	8 13
"	J. Cronin,	5 13
"	E. A. Brown,	5 13
†	" P. Corcoran,	7 88
"	Peter Walsh,	8 50
"	Albert French,	4 63
Grenville Brooks,	Mrs. Fenton,	5 25
"	" Glover,	10 50
"	" O'Brien,	6 75
†	" Harringt'n,	4 50
"	Albert French,	5 25
"	J. Callahan,	4 75
"	J. McCosley,	8 00
"	H. Lewis,	11 00
"	P. Garrity,	5 00
"	T. Osborne,	7 50
†	" L. P. Holbrook,	5 25
†	" J. Moran,	6 75
"	J. McCarty,	5 25
Geo. H. Frost,	" ——— Dow,	2 25

Amount carried forward, \$4,632 36

† To be refunded.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$4,632 36	
Paid Geo. H. Frost, fuel to D. Mahoney,	13 00	
† " " C. M. Shaw,	14 00	
" " W. H. Rowell,	3 75	
" " P. Harran,	4 25	
	<hr/>	\$4,667 36

CR.

By cash from State, support of paupers,	25 00	
" " city of Salem, support of		
paupers,	208 00	
" " town of Braintree, sup-		
port of paupers,	37 13	
" " town of Randolph, L. P.		
Holbrook,	12 88	
" " J. Q. A. Field, guardian,		
sup. of Mary O'Hearn,	196 34	
" " Edward Capen, sup. of		
Catherine V. Saville,	191 05	
	<hr/>	\$670 40
Total cost of poor out of Almshouse,		<hr/> \$3,996 96

RECAPITULATION.

Total cost of Almshouse,	\$1,385 07	
" " poor out of Almshouse,	3,996 96	
	<hr/>	\$5,382 03

Appropriation,	\$6,000 00
Expenses,	5,382 03

Expenses less than appropriation, \$617 97

† To be refunded.

MOUNT WOLLASTON CEMETERY.

DR.

Paid Whitman & Breck, surveying,	\$29 00
D. W. Perry, cart,	85 00
Ralph Lowe, harness,	30 00
Albert Holt, manure,	22 00
William A. Hodges, manure,	8 00
A. B. Packard, plants,	25 00
Martin Pfaffinan, trees,	14 40
W. B. Rice, “	20 00
Joshua H. Spear, trees and plants,	39 15
Parker & Gannett, grindstone and express,	10 10
Horace Feltis, balance on gates,	15 00
H. G. Pratt, jun., stock and labor,	78 52
J. T. & W. V. Hayward, stock and labor,	22 50
Richard Newcomb, stock and labor,	12 23
Ebenezer Bent, tools,	5 50
Whitney & Nash, tools,	3 16
Albert Holt, painting cart, &c.,	7 90
H. French, jun., painting stakes,	3 50
E. A. Adams, grass-seed and lime,	29 50
J. Q. Wild & Co., posts and repair- ing tools,	9 00
Churchill & Hitchcock, fenders,	20 00
George L. Gill, services as Secre- tary of Board,	75 00
George L. Gill, postage and record- ing burials,	16 50
Albert Holt, labor with team,	508 58
Thomas McCarty, “	277 08
Patrick McDonald, “	299 72
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$1,666 34

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,666	34	
Paid Michael Devlin, labor	275	01	
M. Lane, "	8	75	
Charles Stancomb, "	36	25	
P. F. McDonald, "	192	82	
James Kerrigan, "	19	25	
Charles Arnold, "	18	00	
John Rossett, "	16	19	
Jeremiah Hurley, "	7	88	
Patrick Kelliham, "	7	88	
Luther Lothorn, "	5	69	
Franklin Burrell, "	36	76	
Patrick McGrain, "	18	00	\$2,308 82

CR.

By cash from sale of lots,	\$250	00	
for labor on lots, 1873,	91	00	
" " " 1874,	39	00	
" " " 1875,	849	75	
for assessment of non-resident owners of lots,	48	00	
for hay sold,	65	00	\$1,342 75
Balance of cash,			\$966 07
Appropriation,	\$1,000	00	

The above items represent the cash transactions only. For further information in regard to the Cemetery account, reference may be made to the statement of the Secretary of the Board of Managers.

OLD CEMETERY.

Paid William Talbot, labor,	7	00
Thomas Noble, "	25	00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$32	00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$32 00
Paid James Kelly, 2d, labor,	28 00

		60 00
Appropriation,	\$100 00	
Expenses,	60 00	
Expenses less than appropriation,	\$40 00	

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

EDWARD A. SPEAR, *Chief Engineer.*

NIAGARA, NO. 1.

MICHAEL WALSH, *Engineer.* JOHN CRATHORNE, *Foreman.*

Paid fifty members,	\$500 00	
Steward,	40 00	
D. H. Bills, coal,	9 88	
G. Brooks, kindling,	4 00	
Tirrell & Sons, repairs,	12 50	
Jas. Boyd & Sons, blunderbuss,		
hats, &c.,	35 75	
C. F. Pierce, lanterns, &c.,	5 16	
Ralph Lowe, straps and repairs,	3 30	
Whitney & Nash, chamois skin,		
oil, &c.,	3 26	
Charles H. Spear, milk,	3 00	
Ebenezer Bent, refreshments, oil,		
&c.,	104 14	
		720 99
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$720 99

Amount brought forward,

\$720 99

TIGER, NO. 2.

A. M. LITCHFIELD, *Engineer.* GEORGE H. OSBORNE, *Foreman.*

Paid fifty members,	\$500 00	
Steward,	40 00	
G. Brooks, coal and kindling,	23 75	
Tirrell & Sons, repairs,	1 75	
John A. Wood, rent of land,	25 00	
Ralph Lowe, straps and washers,	1 90	
Whiton Bro. & Co., rope and labor,	7 52	
C. F. Pierce, lanterns, reflectors, &c.,	8 20	
T. E. Furnald, tumblers,	80	
G. S. Coffin, keys and repairs,	1 50	
John H. Veazie, oil and alcohol,	6 00	
James Boyd & Sons, hats,	13 00	
John Clark, varnishing engine,	8 00	
W. C. Baker, services,	2 00	
Warren Dunbar, "	3 50	
M. Goodhue, refreshments, oil, &c.,	148 81	
Geo. R. Litchfield, cigars,	5 00	
E. A. Adams, cheese,	2 15	
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GRANITE, NO. 3.

JAMES H. ELCOCK, *Engineer.* JOHN RYAN, *Foreman.*

Paid fifty members,	\$500 00	
Steward,	40 00	
D. H. Bills, coal,	10 00	
G. Brooks, coal and kindling,	11 50	
Ralph Lowe, straps and repairs,	5 40	
Badger Bros., repairs,	23 07	
M. A. Dolan, stove-pipe and repairs,	5 45	
C. F. Pierce, lanterns, &c.,	5 15	
James Boyd & Sons, hose and coup- lings,	192 00	
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$792 57	\$1,519 87

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$792 57	\$1,519 87
Paid James Boyd & Sons, hats,	13 00	
Tirrell & Sons, box-cover and lettering,	10 00	
J. Babcock & Co., refreshments,	10 00	
Ripley Bros., refreshments, &c.,	61 21	
E. E. Hall, refreshments, &c.,	118 87	
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VULTURE, NO. 4.

H. M. FEDERHEN, *Engineer.* JOSIAH V. PACKARD, JR., *Foreman.*

Paid Steward,	\$40 00	
D. H. Bills; coal and wood,	17 63	
Wm. B. Ryan, repairs,	1 50	
T. W. Carter, repairs,	2 00	
George J. Jones, straps,	1 75	
C. F. Pierce, lanterns, &c.,	6 40	
Hazen W. Dow, services,	3 00	
H. M. Federhen, keys,	1 20	
Whitney & Nash, oil, lock, &c.,	2 70	
Tirrell & Sons, jack handle,	1 50	
James Boyd & Sons, hose and couplings,	92 07	
James Boyd & Sons, hats and duster,	19 00	
Whiton, Bro., & Co., rope,	6 10	
George H. Mason, cuspadores,	10 35	
Charles Hall & Co., refreshments, oil, etc.,	85 69	
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HOOK AND LADDER, NO. 1.

EDWARD A. SPEAR, *Engineer.* JOSEPH M. GLOVER, *Foreman.*

Paid twenty-five members,	\$250 00	
Steward,	40 00	
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$290 00	\$2,816 41

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$290 00	\$2,816 41
Paid D. H. Bills, coal and kindling,	6 38	
Whiton & Lincoln, rope, &c.,	3 42	
Tirrell & Sons, pole, bucket, &c.,	10 00	
Tirrell & Sons, repairs, &c.,	9 10	
G. S. Coffin, keys and repairs,	2 80	
C. F. Pierce, repairing pumps,	3 50	
Whitney & Nash, shovel,	1 50	
T. E. Furnald, brackets, lamps, &c.,	44 07	
T. E. Furnald, refreshments, oil, &c.,	49 89	
James N. Blake, refreshments,	7 15	
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W. M. FRENCH HOSE, NO. 1.

JOHN W. HALL, *Engineer.* HORACE FELTIS, *Foreman.*

Paid twenty members,	\$200 00	
Steward,	100 00	
G. Brooks, kindling,	1 00	
Horace Feltis, repairs,	5 00	
James Boyd & Sons, strap,	2 50	
Tirrell & Sons, setting tire, &c.,	2 75	
Keating & Spear, paint and mat,	2 32	
Whitney & Nash, brooms, rope, &c.,	2 72	
Charles H. Spear, milk,	60	
Whiton, Bro., & Co., rope,	6 43	
C. F. Pierce, boiler, lanterns, &c.,	9 18	
G. Totman & Son, refreshments,	39 58	
Ebenezer Bent, refreshments, &c.,	6 13	
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Asa A. Pope, stamping hose,	\$2 00	
Bowditch & Co., expressing,	1 50	
Green & Prescott, advertising,	7 25	
James Boyd & Sons, belts, repairs, &c.,	102 75	
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$113 50	\$3,622 43

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$113 50	\$3,622 43
Paid James Boyd & Sons, hose and repairs,	402 25.	
John Page, barrel and oil,	3 30	
E. A. Adams, basket,	60	
A. M. Litchfield, repairing dams, &c.,	13 72	
E. A. Spear, cash paid for draining reservoir,	22 00	
E. A. Spear, refreshments to laborers,	5 00	
C. S. Coolidge, expressing,	16 20	
James E. Maxim, services as watchman,	2 00	
T. H. Lyndon, Johnson pump,	7 50	
Thomas F. Cleverly, repairing spout,	75	
John Mealey, repairing reservoir,	5 00	
H. M. Federhen, badge,	2 40	
C. M. Clapp & Co., sundries,	1 50	
Field & Cashman, hauling engine,	6 00	
S. A. Fletcher, " "	10 00	
Lapham Bros., hauling engine and hose,	18 00	
W. A. Coffin, carting hose, &c.,	4 50	
Horace Feltis, " " "	9 50	
William Garrity, use of horse,	3 00	
Maurice Sheahan, " "	7 00	
Thomas F. Cleverly, carting hose,	5 25	
E. W. Underwood, refreshments to Boston firemen,	70 00	
R. L. McFarland, refreshments to Boston firemen,	25 00	
J. Babcock & Co., refreshments to Milton firemen,	19 50	
Milton Hook & Ladder Co., refreshments,	10 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		<hr/> \$4,405 90

Amount brought forward, \$4,405 90

STEAM PUMP.

Paid W. Panton, labor and care of pump,	160 00	
G. Brooks, coal and wood,	120 17	
Blake Manuf. Co., repairing pump,	8 55	
Tirrell & Sons, wrench and repairs,	2 00	
Horace Feltis, irons, bolts, &c.,	23 75	314 47
		\$4,720 37

Expenses,	\$4,720 37
Appropriation,	4,000 00
Expenses more than appropriation,	\$720 37

PURCHASE OF NEW HOSE.

Paid James Boyd & Sons, hose,	\$1,250 00
Appropriation,	\$1,250 00

RESERVOIRS.

Paid Wm. H. French, balance on contract,	\$50 00	
S. Maloney, labor on reservoir,	50 00	
		\$100 00

REPAIRS OF TOWN BUILDINGS, OTHER THAN
SCHOOL-HOUSES.

ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Rogers Lewis, Jr., stock and labor,	\$28 38	
Wm. H. French, " " "	72 25	
Ira Litchfield, " " "	73 59	
Richard Newcomb, " "	10 31	184 53

NIAGARA ENGINE HOUSE.

Paid M. Newcomb, repairing lock,	\$1 00	
Richard Newcomb, setting glass,	1 00	
		2 00

Amount carried forward, \$186 53

Amount brought forward, \$186 53

TIGER ENGINE HOUSE.

Paid A. M. Litchfield, stock and labor, 27 26

GRANITE ENGINE HOUSE.

Paid Jonas Shackley, stock and labor,	\$5 96	
P. F. Lacy, raising building,	26 00	
Elcock & Sons, stone,	10 00	
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HOSE HOUSE.

Paid Wm. H. French, plastering,	\$4 00	
H. French, Jr., setting glass,	1 85	
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TOWN HOUSE.

Paid Hugh Mealey, repairing roof,	\$5 01	
J. O. Whittemore, rep. lightning rods,	6 00	
H. French, Jr., stock and labor,	49 21	
John Farquahar's Sons, repairing roof,	31 10	
Peter B. Turner, stock and labor,	2 05	
J. T. & W. V. Hayward, setting glass,	6 37	99 74
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Total amount of cash paid,		\$361 34

Appropriation,	\$500 00
Expenses,	361 34
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Expenses less than appropriation,	\$138 66

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, AND
SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid Edmund B. Taylor, to March 1,		
1875,	\$80 00	
Ensign S. Fellows, to Feb. 1, 1876,	905 00	
J. Q. A. Field, " " "	900 00	
William A. Hodges, " " "	825 00	2,710 00
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<i>Amount Carried forward,</i>		\$2,710 00

Amount brought forward, \$2,710 00

TOWN CLERK.

Paid George L. Gill, 50 00

TOWN TREASURER.

Paid Horace B. Spear, 150 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid C. L. Badger to March 5, 1875,	\$100 00	
Asa Wellington to " 1, 1875,	30 00	
W. B. Duggan, to May 1, 1875,	25 00	
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COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Paid Charles N. Baxter, 1874,	\$61 87	
George H. Locke, 1875,	279 44	
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ENGINEERS.

Paid W. M. French,	\$35 00	
George B. Pray,	35 00	
A. M. Litchfield,	25 00	
Edward A. Spear,	25 00	
Michael Walsh,	15 00	
James H. Elcock,	14 00	
	<hr/>	149 00

CONSTABLES AND POLICE OFFICERS.

Paid Samuel Ames,	\$18 00	
William Caldwell,	3 00	
Edward A. Spear,	63 50	
James E. Maxim,	76 00	
Michael Walsh,	56 00	
M. W. Gerry,	16 00	
Charles N. Hunt,	49 00	
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$281 50	\$3,555 31

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$281 50	\$3,555 31
Paid George B. Pray,	15 00	
William Parker,	6 00	
James H. Elcock,	6 00	
Joseph T. French,	6 00	
P. F. Lacy,	18 00	
James Havahan,	15 00	
Amos M. Litchfield,	9 00	
W. M. French,	52 00	
Joseph A. Lapham, truant officer,	6 00	
E. W. Underwood, " "	16 90	
E. B. Souther, " "	5 00	
	<hr/>	436 40
Total amount of cash paid,		\$3,991 71

Appropriation,	\$4,300 00
Expenses,	3,991 71
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Expenses less than appropriation,	308 29

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Francis W. Parker, superintendent,	\$1,576 65
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Appropriation,	\$2,000 00
Expenses,	1,576 65
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Expenses less than appropriation,	\$423 35

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid H. H. Faxon, cash paid copying tax list,	\$60 00
Cochrane & Sampson, printing tax list,	693 00
Bowditch & Co., expressing tax list,	3 50
Rockwell & Churchill, printing Auditors' Report,	377 50
S. Dewing, Jr., compiling Auditors' Report,	100 00
C. N. Baxter, distributing " "	18 00
" expenses " "	10 00
D. F. French, meals for Auditors,	16 50
H. A. Case, damages on highway,	100 00
Thomas Kennon, " "	15 00
Whitman & Breck, surveying,	90 00
J. E. Tirrell, services,	60 00
Cochrane & Sampson, blank books,	32 50
J. Q. A. Field, cash paid copying tax books from 1792 to 1827,	50 00
T. E. Furnald, carpet and labor,	40 00
Mrs. M. E. Green, printing and advertising,	122 75
Green & Prescott, " " "	93 00
John O. Holden, care of town clock,	75 00
P. A. Wales & Son, pump and repairs,	37 00
Wm. B. Ryan, repairing pumps,	4 50
H. McLean, " "	1 25
C. F. Pierce, " "	3 00
John B. Bass, envelopes, &c.,	3 25
Wm. Blake & Co., repairing bell,	21 50
Ira Litchfield, painting bell tower,	9 00
H. French, Jr., " " frame,	9 00
" " " guideboards,	24 75
John Hall, ringing bell,	52 00
" " repairing bell,	3 00
" " returning 178 deaths,	44 50
John S. Abbott, guideboards and labor,	17 65
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$2,187 15

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2,187 15
Paid J. T. French, horse-hire, &c.,	8 75
E. B. Souther, stationery,	32 35
C. K. Darling, “	2 85
Geo. H. Locke, “ and postage,	15 50
G. S. Coffin, keys and repairs,	5 00
Keating & Spear, desk and repairing safe,	10 50
Tirrell & Sons, varnishing hearse, &c.,	21 00
A. M. Litchfield, stock and labor,	17 48
Jacob Flint, mending carpet, &c.,	4 45
W. M. French, horse hire,	12 00
Whitney & Nash, halyards,	2 10
C. S. Coolidge, expressing,	1 00
Jacob Hersey, tax refunded,	30 00
Richard Gleason, “ “	7 50
James Faulkner, “ “	18 75
Patrick Sullivan, “ “	6 00
W. L. Faxon, “ “	25 91
Geo. A. Russell, “ “	2 50
M. O'Brien, “ “	1 70
G. B. Pray, sampling liquors,	3 00
W. M. French, “ “	3 00
“ “ horse-hire, bottles, &c.,	6 58
E. B. Taylor, use of horse and carriage,	5 00
E. S. Fellows, “ “ “	105 00
“ “ travelling expenses,	24 00
Wm. A. Hodges, use of horse and carriage,	100 00
Wm. A. Hodges, postage, &c.,	3 45
J. Q. A. Field, use of horse and carriage,	108 00
J. Q. A. Field, trav. expenses and postage,	12 67
Geo. L. Gill, recording births, deaths, &c.,	203 75
Geo. L. Gill, books, postage, &c.,	31 20
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	\$3,018 14

Expenses,	\$3,018 14
Appropriation,	1,894 50
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Expenses more than appropriation,	\$1,123 64

TOWN HALL.

DR.

Paid Citizens' Gas Co., gas and globe,	\$332 25	
D. H. Bills, coal,	43 25	
Cyrus Patch, "	91 22	
G. Brooks, kindling,	15 50	
G. S. Coffin, keys and repairs,	6 00	
John H. Veazie, alcohol,	1 80	
G. H. Damon, setting flue-iron,	2 00	
Wm. B. Ryan, repairing pump,	2 35	
E. E. Fellows, castings, pipe, &c.,	93 20	
Whitney & Nash, matches, soap, &c.,	3 39	
Geo. F. Morse, cleaning vault,	5 00	
Daniel Monk, repairing door-spring,	1 00	
Ewell & Josephs, weighing coal,	1 05	
" " pitcher, repairing		
shade, &c.,	3 67	
Jacob Flint, services as janitor,	161 10	
" " labor, &c.,	2 80	
J. Denehy, charcoal,	2 70	
E. Packard, sawdust,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$770 78

CR.

By cash received, for rent of rooms,	\$300 00	
" " " use of hall,	509 25	
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Amount cash received,	\$809 25	
" " paid,	770 78	
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Receipts more than expenses,	\$38 47	

POLICE STATION.

Paid W. M. French, superintendent,	\$150 00	
Wm. H. French, whitening,	12 50	
Horace Feltis, braces, and repairing lock,	11 00	
H. French, jr., stock and labor,	12 00	
Mrs. Foley, washing,	4 00	
C. F. Pierce, repairing stove, &c.,	16 74	
Whitney & Nash, basket, pail, &c.,	2 25	
Keating & Spear, repairing chairs,	2 00	
W. M. French, meals for 1,633 lodgers,	155 72	
	<hr/>	\$366 21

CR.

By cash received from officers,	20 00	
Total expense of police station,	<hr/>	\$346 21

The commitments to the police station for the year ending Feb. 1, 1876, were as follows: —

For drunkenness,	50
larceny,	20
assault,	11
vagrancy,	5
disturbing the peace,	2
bastardy,	2
truancy,	2
cruelty to animals,	3
indecent exposure,	1
lodgers provided for,	1,633

 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, POST 88.

Paid C. A. Spear, quarter-master,	\$200 00
Appropriation,	\$200 00

BRIDGES.

HINGHAM AND QUINCY BRIDGES.

DR.

Paid Jas. Humphrey, treasurer, assess- ment,	\$333 33
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CR.

By cash, received for oil, 1874,	4 80	
	<hr/>	\$328 53

NEPONSET BRIDGE.

DR.

Plank on hand Feb. 1, 1875,	\$100 00	
Paid A. T. Stearns & Sons, lumber,	160 23	
Pratt & Co., "	280 70	
Cyrus Balkam, spikes,	13 76	
George W. Berry, iron-work,	10 57	
John Donovan, "	5 60	
Cyrus Balkam, labor,	116 00	
John Richards, "	141 00	
Peter Cuniffe, "	50 00	
C. Lines, "	54 00	
Wm. Costaine, "	17 00	
S. D. Ramsdell, "	5 00	
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$953 86	\$328 53

CR.

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$953 86	\$328 53
By cash from John Donovan,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$948 86
Total expense of bridges,		<hr/> \$1,277 39

Appropriation,	\$1,500 00
Expenses,	1,277 39
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Expenses less than appropriation,	222 61

STREET LAMPS.

Paid New England Gas-Light Co.,	\$ 445 82
Globe Gas-Light Co.,	1,489 89
Horne & Bird,	13 33
John L. Souther,	16 00
E. W. Underwood,	16 00
George Collins,	2 68
John Q. A. Field,	18 00
John McGowan,	16 00
Owen Treanor,	8 00
George W. Brooks,	4 00
John B. Bass,	16 00
Estate of J. A. Duggan,	9 31
George W. Billings,	8 00
Noah Cummings,	12 00
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	\$2,075 03

Appropriation,	\$2,500 00
Expenses,	2,075 03
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Expenses less than appropriation,	424 97

STATE AID.

DR.

Due from State Feb. 1, 1875,	\$6,364 25	
Paid during year ending Feb. 1, 1876,	3,067 80	
	<hr/>	\$9,432 05

CR.

By cash from State Treasurer,	\$3,061 34	
Balance due from State, Feb. 1, 1876,	6,370 71	
	<hr/>	\$9,432 05

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid Henry Barker, treasurer,	\$3,200 00
Appropriation,	\$3,200 00

For further information in regard to the Library account, reference may be made to the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

COMMITTEE ON STEAM FIRE ENGINE.

Paid B. F. Curtis, travelling expenses of committee,	\$21 25
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Appropriation,	\$100 00
Expenses,	21 25
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Expenses less than appropriation,	78 75

COPYING BRAINTREE RECORDS.

Paid Nichols & Hall, stationery,		\$9 25
Appropriation,	————	\$250 00
Expenses,		9 25
Expenses less than appropriation,		<u>240 75</u>

TAXES.

GEORGE H. LOCKE, *Collector.*

DR.

To Town tax,	\$86,229 75
State tax,	7,060 00
County tax,	4,814 63
Two-mill tax, for reduction of town debt,	14,628 05
Non-residents' bank tax,	1,865 25
Overlayings,	1,945 69
	<u>\$116,543 37</u>

CR.

By cash paid town treasurer, (discount \$3,541.40, abatements \$1,484.57),	\$111,780 62
Amount of taxes unpaid Feb. 1, 1876,	4,762 75
	<u>\$116,543 37</u>

Discount and abatements,	\$5,025 97
Appropriation,	5,000 00
Excess of discount and abatements,	<u>25 97</u>

The list of unpaid taxes can be found on page 66.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1875.

Schools, teaching, fuel and care,	\$25,000 00
" incidentals,	4,000 00
" repairs,	2,500 00
Superintendent of Schools,	2,000 00
Repairs of highways,	9,000 00
Removal of snow and miscellaneous expenses of highways,	2,000 00
Support of poor,	6,000 00
Mount Wollaston Cemetery,	1000 00
Old Cemetery,	100 00
Fire Department,	4,000 00
Purchase of hose,	1,250 00
Decorating soldiers' graves,	200 00
Repairs of town buildings,	500 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,894 50
Town officers,	4,300 00
Bridges,	1,500 00
Street lamps,	2,500 00
Discount and abatement of taxes,	5,000 00
Extension of Phipps street,	600 00
" " Sumner street,	850 00
New street from Pleasant street to land of C. F. Adams,	150 00
New street from Willard street to land of Granite Railway Co.,	300 00
New street from Quincy avenue to Elm street,	75 00
Silver, Charles and River streets,	180 50
Widening Granite street,	450 00
" Bridges at West Quincy,	1,000 00
Culvert on Water street,	550 00
Public Library,	3,200 00
Committee on steam fire engine,	100 00
Copying Braintree records,	250 00

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

PREPARED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Support of poor,	\$6,000 00
Repairs of town buildings,	500 00
Town officers,	4,300 00
Discount and abatement of taxes,	5,000 00
Interest on town debt,	6,500 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	3,000 00
Bridges,	1,500 00
Mount Wollaston Cemetery,	1,000 00
Old Cemetery,	100 00
Repairs of highways,	8,000 00
Removal of snow and miscellaneous expenses of highways,	2,000 00
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	200 00
Public Library,	3,200 00
Fire Department,	5,500 00
Street lights,	2,800 00
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	\$49,600 00

SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS
DUE THE TOWN.

Sumner Soule, support of Cordelia J. Soule,	\$25 50
J. W. Hayden, support of Lydia A. Hayden,	33 00
State of Mass., support of John Tate,	21 00
" " " P. Corcoran,	15 53
Town of Braintree, support of Delia W. Hayden,	53 53
Town of Braintree, support of Mrs. K. Harrington,	23 81
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$172 37

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$172 37	
Town of Braintree, support of James Friele,	27 91	
Town of Blackstone, support of Charles M. Shaw,	62 00	
Town of Tisbury, support of Hugh Cahill,	20 08	
Town of Milton, support of Charles Pierce,	18 00	
Town of Randolph, support of L. P. Holbrook,	12 38	
Town of Randolph, support of S. H. Leavitt,	8 00	
Town of Templeton, support of James Morrow,	6 75	
City of Boston, burial of Louisa Blake,	17 00	
City of Boston, support of L. E. Johnson,	4 00	
City of Gloucester, support of Thomas Somes,	5 00	
William Davenport, support of A. N. Davenport,	306 16	
State Aid, due Feb. 1, 1872,	2,000 00	
“ “ balance 1872,	700 25	
“ “ “ 1873,	365 00	
“ “ “ 1874,	237 66	
“ “ paid during past year,	3,067 80	
Labor in cemetery and sale of lots,	213 50	
	<hr/>	\$7,243 86

TREASURER'S REPORT.

HORACE B. SPEAR, *Treasurer.*

DR.

To cash in Treasury on settlement, Feb. 1, 1875,	\$13,464 03
Town of Braintree, support of poor,	37 13
Town of Randolph, support of L. P.	
Holbrook,	12 88
City of Salem, support of paupers,	208 00
Hingham and Quincy Bridges,	4 80
H. Barker, Treasurer Public Library,	
refunded,	500 00
William Hobart, rent of land,	1 00
C. H. S. Newcomb, for loan,	20 50
Edward Turner, " "	3 50
Daniel Baxter, " "	3 50
H. H. Faxon, " sand,	3 75
J. Q. A. Field, for cow sold,	55 00
E. B. Souther, for books sold,	51 30
John Donovan, acct. Neponset Bridge,	5 00
Circus licenses,	50 00
Edward Arnold, peddler's license,	13 00
District Court, fine from Samuel W.	
Jenkins,	6 00
J. Q. A. Field, guardian, board of	
Mary O'Hearn,	196 34
Edward Capen, guardian, board of	
Catherine V. Saville,	191 05
Income from Town Hall,	509 25
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$15,336 03

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$15,336 03
Nat'l. Mt. Wollaston Bank, rent of rooms in Town House,		300 00
W. M. French, use of police station,		20 00
G. L. Gill, lots sold in Mt. Wollaston Cemetery,		250 00
G. L. Gill, labor on lots in Mt. Wollas- ton Cemetery,		849 75
G. L. Gill, labor on lots in Mt. Wollas- ton Cemetery, 1873,		91 00
G. L. Gill, labor on lots in Mt. Wollas- ton Cemetery, 1874,		39 00
G. L. Gill, hay sold from Mt. Wollas- ton Cemetery,		65 00
G. L. Gill, assessment of non-resident owners of lots,		48 00
Produce sold from Almshouse,		82 95
F. W. Parker, school-books furnished scholars,		80 00
County Treasurer, interest on county tax,		49 60
County Treasurer, dog licenses,		700 18
State Treasurer, interest on State tax,		80 01
“ “ acct. corporation tax,		3,796 13
“ “ “ State aid,		3,061 34
“ “ “ “ paupers,		25 00
“ “ “ Nat. bank tax,		2,270 57
State Treasurer, income Mass. School Fund,		298 18
J.W. Lombard, liquor license, \$200 00		
H. P. Abbott, “ 100 00		
S. N. Maloney, “ 100 00		
Bernard Donnelly “ 100 00		
Whitney & Nash, “ 100 00		
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$600 00	\$27,442 74

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$600 00	\$27,442 74
Albert Hall, liquor license,	100 00	
John McGowan, “	100 00	
William Dugan, “	50 00	
Michael Small, “	100 00	
James Sullivan, “	100 00	
Thomas P. Hayes, “	100 00	
George R. Litchfield, “	100 00	
John Treanor, “	100 00	
E. W. Underwood, “	125 00	
Thomas E. Furnald, “	100 00	
Jeremiah Ford, “	100 00	
Warren Reed, “	150 00	
Samuel W. Jenkins, “	150 00	
M. Goodhue, “	100 00	
Timothy Lyons, “	100 00	
William Norris, “	100 00	
C. C. Johnson, “	50 00	
Edward H. Treadway, “	50 00	
Dennis Ford, 2d, “	50 00	
Henry R. Johnson, “	100 00	
James Mears, “	100 00	
William S. Pattee, “	50 00	
Frederick Hardwick, “	50 00	
John H. Veazie, “	50 00	
Thomas H. Hayes, “	100 00	
Alexander McFee, “	100 00	
	<hr/>	2,975 00
Notes payable, borrowed in anticipa-		
tion of taxes,		24,000 00
George H. Locke, collector,		111,780 62
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		\$166,198 36

CR.

By State Treasurer, State tax,	\$7,060 00
“ “ National bank tax,	2,649 47
“ “ One - fourth am't received for liquor licenses,	743 75
County “ County tax,	4,814 63
H. Barker, treasurer Public Library, dog licenses,	700 18
Notes payable, amount borrowed in anticipa- tion of taxes,	24,000 00
Notes payable, sundry persons,	18,500 00
Interest “ “ “ on notes,	7,129 69
Town orders,	84,380 92
Balance in treasury, Feb. 1, 1876,	16,219 72
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	\$166,198 36

CORRECTED STATEMENT OF THE TOWN
DEBT OF LAST YEAR.

DR.

Notes payable and accrued interests per last year's report,	\$112,589 18
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CR.

By cash in the treasury,	\$13,464 03
Due, as per schedule of outstanding accounts,	6,802 82
Plank on hand at Neponset Bridge,	100 00
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	\$20,366 85
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Net am't of town debt, Feb. 1, 1875,	\$92,222 33

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT.

NOTES PAYABLE.

State of Massachusetts, due Dec. 9, 1878,	\$5,000 00
“ “ “ Nov. 1, 1881,	20,000 00
“ “ “ Dec. 9, 1883,	5,000 00
“ “ “ March 23, 1884,	20,000 00
“ “ “ Dec. 9, 1888,	5,000 00
“ “ “ June 1, 1889,	10,000 00
Woodward fund on demand,	28,000 00
Interest accrued on the above notes,	1,059 17
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	\$94,059 17

CR.

By Cash in the treasury,	\$16,219 72
Due, as per schedule of outstanding accounts, page 59,	7,243 86
Unpaid taxes, as per list, page 66,	4,762 75 28,226 33
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Net am't of town debt, Feb. 1, 1876,	\$65,832 84

Net am't of town debt, Feb. 1, 1875,	92,222 33
“ “ Feb. 1, 1876,	65,832 84
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Decrease for the year,	\$26,389 49

Amount of two-mill tax for re- duction of town debt,	\$14,628 05
Town notes paid,	\$18,500 00

LIST OF UNPAID TAXES, FEB. 1, 1876.

WOLLASTON.

Baker, H. G.,	\$7 50
Beal, Frank,	9 00
Beal, Joseph H.,	102 00
Bowker, J. E.,	12 00
Bowker, John E.,	36 00
Clark, Cyrus T.,	7 50
Carpenter, Edwin J.,	44 00
Coombs, Henry B.,	37 25
Craig, Charles H.,	40 50
Cuttee, Henry C.,	11 25
Gordon, Alexander,	34 50
Gordon, Thomas,	41 25
Greenwood, —	42 00
Hodges, —	4 50
Hobart, Walter H.,	40 50
Jones, Henry A.,	53 00
Jackson, Edward C.,	32 25
Linden, Thomas H.,	32 00
McIntyre, Farrington,	200 00
Perry, Nathan D.,	2 25
Perry, James T.,	42 50
Pinkham, George F.,	648 50
Pinkham & Beals,	411 75
Pinkham, Horace A.,	138 50
Pinkham & White,	39 75
Quincy Point Land Co.,	297 00
Richardson, Joseph,	4 50
Seelye, W. C.,	50 75
Shirley, France,	6 00
Sparrow, Edmund S.,	95 75
Stewart, W. H.,	45 00

Amount carried forward, \$2,569 25

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$2,569 25
Tupper, H. W.,	3 75	
Whittebone, A. & F.,	11 25	
Wilson, John,	9 00	
Wollaston Land Associates,	991 50	
Wollaston Foundry Co.,	150 00	
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QUINCY.

Allis, Richard,	\$5 75	
Billings, Caleb F.,	85 25	
Bowditch, Galen, & Co.,	6 25	
Bowen, Michael,	29 00	
Carroll, Thomas H.,	10 25	
Curtis, Franklin,	62 00	
Donaher, Dennis,	35 75	
Donaher, Peter J.,	17 75	
Eldridge, John S.,	110 00	
Farrell, Patrick, Estate of,	8 50	
Gillard, William,	39 50	
Glover, James M.	38 00	
Hardwick, Henry, balance,	57 75	
Hayes, John,	14 00	
Mahoney, Owen,	6 50	
Pope, Edmund,	139 50	
Shea, James,	12 50	
Torrey, Frances,	40 50	
Warren, Sally C.,	28 50	
Wentworth, Abigail L.,	3 00	
Whiting, George S. T., balance,	9 25	
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BOSTON.

Eaton, Ebenezer,	\$6 00	
Haughton & Sawyer,	3 00	
McGrail, Peter,	2 25	
Squantum Land Co., G. F. Dodge, Trust.,	237 00	
	<hr/>	\$248 25
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$4,742 50

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$4,742 50
FREETOWN.	
Nichols, C. C.,	\$10 50
WEYMOUTH.	
Humphry, James,	\$7 50
RESIDENCE UNKNOWN.	
Lane, John,	\$2 25
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	\$4,762 75

WOODWARD FUND

CASH ACCOUNT.

HORACE B. SPEAR, Treasurer, in account with the Woodward Fund.

DR.

To cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1875,	\$725 39
interest on Portland Water Co. bonds,	480 00
“ “ “ “ “ scrip,	38 64
“ “ Vt. & Can. R.R. bonds,	240 00
“ “ United States bonds, gold,	
\$360.00, premium, \$52.42,	412 42
interest of sundry persons,	870 75
“ “ Town of Quincy on note,	1,680 00
rent of Peter Butler,	1,000 00
loans secured by mortgage,	4,300 00
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	\$9,747 20

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By fencing material on farm,	\$149 38	
building fence,	41 31	
" " " school-house lot,	208 45	
repairs on house,	32 00	
Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., rent		
of safe,	20 00	
loan on mortgage,	1,200 00	
2 bonds City of Cleveland, 1,000 each,		
7%,	2,060 00	
interest accrued on same,	49 00	
4 bonds City of Boston 1,000 each, 5%		
gold,	4430 00	
interest accrued on same,	63 33	
expenses,	100 26	
balance on hand,	1,393 47	
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		\$9,747 20

STATEMENT OF THE FUND, FEB. 1, 1876.

Personal property received from estate of Dr. Woodward, per appraise- ment,	\$30,089 83	
Sale of land,	18,743 02	
" pews,	120 00	
Income account,	20,852 62	
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		\$69,805 47

Invested as follows: —

6 bonds U. S. sixes, 1,000 each, at ap- praisement,	\$7,020 00	
8 bonds Portland Water Co., 1,000 each, at appraisement,	8,000 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$15,020 00	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$15,020 00
3 bonds Vt. & Can. R.R. 1,000 each, at appraisement,	3,030 00
5 bonds Vt. Cen. R.R. 1,000 each, at appraisement,	4,000 00
6 bonds Hartford & Erie R.R. 1,000 each, at appraisement,	2,520 00
2 bonds City of Cleveland, 1,000 each, 7%,	2,060 00
4 bonds City of Boston, 1,000 each, 5% gold,	4,430 00
Notes secured by mortgage,	8,800 00
Portland Water Co. interest scrip,	552 00
Loan to Town of Quincy,	28,000 00
Cash, deposited in bank,	1,393 47
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	\$69,805 47

The Greenleaf Farm, and one pew in the Universalist church.

Income account, Feb. 1, 1876,	\$20,852 62
“ “ “ 1875,	16,794 54
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Increase,	\$4,058 08

HORACE B. SPEAR,
Treasurer.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF QUINCY:

Gentlemen, — I most respectfully submit the following report:—

The department is under the control of a Chief and five Assistant Engineers.

There are three hand engines with hose carriages, one four-wheeled hose carriage in poor condition, which, by a vote of the town, will soon be replaced with a new one. The companies are full, and manned by 195 volunteers.

The steam pump at William Panton's shop has done good service, and has proved quite an addition to the department at fires and in filling reservoirs.

The several houses belonging to the department are in good condition, and a coat of paint is all that is needed to keep them as they should be.

There are belonging to the department 1,300 feet of new hose, 2,700 feet of good hose, 300 feet not reliable, and 300 feet condemned.

The reservoirs are in good condition, with the exception of the one at the High School-house, which, to be of any service, must be taken up and sunk deeper. There have been a number of dams placed along the brook, and Messrs. Tirrell & Sons have arranged a place in the rear of their works in case water should be needed on Granite Street.

The following property belonging to the department has been destroyed by fire during the past year: 100 feet hose at the burning of Robertson's block, one engine house with engine, 50 feet linen hose, 2 stoves, 3 tables, 3 pipes, 16 spanners, 25 chairs, 2 jacks, 1 wrench, 6 lamps, 1 desk, 3 lanterns, 1 duster, 2 fire-hats.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Our board would respectfully recommend one or more steam fire engines, and 4 more reservoirs; one near Mr. Ricker's on Faxon's plain, one at the foot of Mt. Pleasant, one on Edwards' Hill, near Mr. John Drake's, and one at Wollaston. The one at Mr. Charles Curtis's, on Franklin St., should be arched in the same way as those in the centre of the town.

FIRES SINCE MAY 1ST, 1875.

- May 12 George Curtis's barn, about 6 P.M.
 " 16 J. Q. A. Wild's barn, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M.
 " 30 Fire in woods on Quincy Avenue.
 Aug. 26 Goodnow's building and Central House, 1 A.M.
 Sept. 5 T. J. Nightingale's barn and outbuildings, 11 P.M.
 " 7 James Edwards' mill, 10 P.M.
 " 9 Daniel Baxter's barn, 3 A.M.
 " 12 Edward Turner's tool house, 6 A.M.
 " 13 " " barn, 6 P.M.
 Oct. 14 Mrs. F. Hardwick's store, 2 P.M.
 Dec. 9 Barn burned at Wollaston in rear of horse car
 stables (no alarm).
 Jan. 22 Niagara engine house, about 12 o'clock at night.

All of which is most respectfully submitted to your honorable board, together with a schedule of town property in charge of each company.

E. A. SPEAR, *Chief Engineer.*

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE TOWN, ATTACHED
TO THE DEPARTMENT.

Tiger, No. 2. One engine and hose carriage, 600 feet of hose, 10 spanners, 8 spanner belts, 1 wrench, 2 stoves, 1 duster, 1 broom, 3 oil cans, 2 boilers, 1 jack, 1 shovel, 4 benches, 8 settees, 7 chairs, 5 tables, 4 lanterns, 48 mugs, 62 bowls, 58 plates, 80 spoons, 1 ladle, 6 lamps, 7 spittoons, 2 fire hats.

Granite, No. 3. One engine and hose carriage, 600 feet of hose, 2 stoves, 12 spanners, 1 wrench, 1 jack, 4 pipes, 5 lanterns, 3 chairs, 1 table, 2 fire hats.

Vulture, No. 4. One engine and hose carriage, 600 feet of cotton and 150 feet of linen hose, 11 spanners, 5 belts, 2 pairs rubber pants, 7 suction hose spanners, 5 belts, 3 stoves, 3 shovels, 1 coal hod, 1 jack, 1 oil can, 2 pails, 4 lanterns, 1 spare piece of suction hose, 7 chairs, 5 tables, 8 settees, 8 lamps, 12 cuspadores, 35 mugs, 14 bowls, 70 spoons, 2 fire hats.

Hook and Ladder, No. 1. One carriage, 6 hooks, 9 ladders, 12 buckets, 3 pitchforks, 2 Johnson pumps, 2 axes, 2 guy ropes, 1 jack, 2 tables, 10 lamps and fixtures, 2 stoves, 2 shovels, 12 settees, 1 chair, 3 lanterns.

W. M. French, Hose No. 1. One four-wheeled carriage, 4 Johnson pumps, 1,300 feet new hose, 1,350 feet cotton hose, 100 feet linen hose, 11 spanners, 4 spanner belts, 2 cylinder stoves, 1 cook stove, 2 brooms, 1 shovel, 1 chamois skin, 1 oil can, 1 table, 2 axes, 2 pipes, 1 crotch, 3 lanterns, 1 wrench, 1 jack, 6 lamps, 1 coal hod, 1 sponge, 1 duster, 1 pair scissors, 23 oak chairs, 2 mugs, 5 bowls.

One steam pump. 1 hose carriage, 1 pipe, 300 feet of leading hose in charge of Hose Company No. 1, and located at John Hall's.

E. A. SPEAR,

Chief Engineer.

MOUNT WOLLASTON CEMETERY.

The Board of Managers of the Mount Wollaston Cemetery respectfully submit their Second Annual Report, as required by the By-Laws: —

SALE OF LOTS.

The number of lots sold the past year is *twenty-five* (25), for which the sum of *two hundred and fifty* (\$250) dollars was received. No lots have been sold in an unfinished state, and the amount of money received for "grading" is included under the head of Labor on Lots.

GRADING AND CARE OF LOTS.

There has been charged the past year for grading new lots and work done on lots the sum of nine hundred and seventy-seven $\frac{75}{100}$ (\$977.75) dollars, of which sum one hundred and twenty-eight $\frac{50}{100}$ (\$128.50) dollars remain unpaid by the owners of the lots. In addition to the above sum (\$977.75) there can be realized about three hundred (\$300) dollars from the sale of twenty-one (21) lots, which are graded and ready for sale, and on which all charges for labor have been paid by the town.

NON-RESIDENT ASSESSMENT.

By vote of the town the Board of Managers were authorized to levy an assessment of such a sum as should be thought just, on non-resident owners, and the sum of two (\$2) dollars was assessed on each lot of such owners. On examination of the record of owners of lots it was found quite difficult to find the present residence of some, and others, whose residence was supposed to be known, were not readily reached, while some have not yet responded, who will probably do so, and another class may not intend to answer at all. The sum of forty-eight (\$48) dollars has been collected to the present time. Unsatisfactory as this may be, the Managers are more than ever convinced of the justness of this assessment, and

suggest that authority be given by the town to continue the same, hoping to be able at the close of another year to show a more satisfactory result, and, at the same time, to give the town some definite information respecting the non-resident owners of lots.

IMPROVEMENTS.

In addition to the general care of the cemetery, it is thought that considerable improvement has been made in the northerly part, whereby the land has been more economically laid out, increasing the number of lots, and by continuing the work on the plan proposed, a large increase in lots will be the result, and the grounds lying on the new street, on the west-erly side, will be made available.

INVENTORY.

The following is an inventory of the property at the cemetery : —

1 horse-cart, 1 harness, 1 wheelbarrow, 1 grindstone, 1 lawn-mower, 5 forks, 5 rakes, 1 hay-rake, 3 spades, 7 hoes, 3 shovels, 1 pick, 1 scythe, 1 axe, 1 iron bar, 2 saws, 1 pair steps, 1 new out-building.

FINANCIAL.

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1875,	\$185 80
Appropriation for 1875,	1,000 00
Collected for lots sold,	250 00
“ “ labor on lots,	849 75
“ from non-resident owners,	48 00
“ for hay sold,	65 00
“ “ unpaid bills of 1873,	91 00
“ “ “ “ 1874,	39 00
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	\$2,528 55
Expended, as appears by the selectmen's account,	2,308 82
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Balance of cash on hand,	\$219 73

Balance due from owners for labor on lots, —

Unpaid bills of 1873,	16 00
“ “ 1874,	69 00
“ “ 1875,	128 50
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	\$213 50

Respectfully submitted,

ENSIGN S. FELLOWS, *Chairman.*

GEORGE L. GILL, *Secretary.*

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF QUINCY.

The Trustees of the Public Library ask leave to offer their Fifth Annual Report, relative to the progress and to the present condition of that institution.

During the year 1875 the Library was open 267 days. The whole number of borrowers was 3,458, to whom 34,551 volumes were issued from Feb. 1, 1875, to Jan. 1, 1876. The greatest number (4,776) issued in any month was in March, and the smallest number (2,044) was in August. On the 6th of March, 502 volumes were issued, being the greatest number in any one day; while the smallest number was 14, on the 17th of August. 462 volumes and 227 pamphlets have been added to the Library from Feb. 1, 1875, to Jan. 1, 1876. Of these, 405 volumes have been purchased, and 57 volumes and 227 pamphlets have been presented to the Library.

In the period during which the Library was closed, between the 11th of September and the 1st of October, a thorough reorganization, both of its force and of its working system, was effected. The system in use before that time, and which had been in use ever since the Library was organized, was antiquated and cumbersome, and under it there was a constant accumulation of undone work which finally had to be cleared off at great and unnecessary expense. The delivery of books was very slow, and borrowers were often compelled to wait for hours; while the new books added to the Library were not catalogued, and soon became inaccessible. To remedy this a complete reform had become necessary, and the time when the catalogue, which had been in preparation for a year previous, was ready for use, was thought as good a time as any to effect it. To insure as great a degree of success as

possible in what they proposed to do, the Trustees examined the systems in use in other public libraries, and finally decided to adopt that of the City Library of Boston, which seemed to be the most effective and economical. Accordingly, on the recommendation of the officers of that library, Miss M. I. Brooks, one of its assistants, was engaged as librarian, and through her the necessary changes were effected. They included the whole system of calling for books and their delivery to borrowers, the caring for them on the shelves, and the keeping up of a regular and thorough catalogue of all additions to the Library. Under the system, introduced by her, double the present number of volumes could be issued without any material increase of expense, and no arrears in the work of cataloguing are allowed to accumulate. This last is the most important and perplexing work connected with every public library. Books always accumulate rapidly, and they become practically useless unless constant care is taken to keep them accessible. In private libraries this is of comparatively little consequence. The persons using them can rummage the shelves, examine their contents, and find out for themselves what they want. In general town libraries this is out of the question. The borrowers have to call for particular books, and they cannot tell what books to call for until they know what are on the shelves. For the purposes of a town library, therefore, 5,000 well-selected volumes, made thoroughly accessible by means of a good catalogue, are of more value than 20,000 volumes buried in the book-cases. On this point all librarians concur. For popular use the thoroughness and excellence of the catalogue measure the efficiency of the public library.

In the early days of the library of this town, Mr. W. W. Greenough, the first chairman of the Board of Trustees, initiated a policy as respects the catalogue, which has since been successfully carried out. Mr. Greenough's experience, from long connection with the City Library of Boston, saved us from blunders into which many other towns have fallen. The character of the catalogue was settled upon, and the standard, both as regards thoroughness and cost, placed very

high. At the same time, it was determined to accomplish gradually what was desired, and not to call upon the town for any large and special appropriation. The unexpended balance of the dog-tax was annually set aside, and from this source the necessary fund was gradually accumulated. Through the exercise of careful economy a sufficient sum had been gotten together in the Spring of 1874 to authorize the commencement of the work. As it went on it developed on our hands, and finally assumed proportions nearly twice as large as were originally intended. Fortunately, however, the estimates had been very liberal, and the price of printing and material had fallen, so that the final cost of the catalogue has not exceeded the accumulation of the catalogue fund. Unfortunately, however, owing to circumstances connected with the leasing of the present Library building, to which it would be useless now to recur, but for which the trustees were in no way responsible, the cost of preparing that building for library use exceeded the estimates and appropriation therefor by several hundred dollars. This amount the Treasurer was obliged to borrow from the catalogue fund, which was reduced by so much. As the preparation of the catalogue was, however, already far advanced, and as it would have been very expensive to discontinue the work and stop the press, it was decided to continue at once, and to anticipate the dog-tax of next year. This was accordingly done. The catalogue was promptly finished, and the deficiency in the catalogue fund, amounting to some \$700.00, will be met out of next year's dog-tax. By pursuing this course we have been enabled to supply the town with one of the most thorough public library catalogues ever prepared, without calling for any special, or, except in the case of last year, unusually large appropriation.

After its publication the practical use of the catalogue had yet to be ascertained. It had cost a considerable sum of money, and yet more labor, and it remained to be seen whether, after all, a mere list of names of books, such as had been issued in the early days of the Library, was not equally serviceable. This question could be decided only by the char-

acter of the books called for after, as compared with that before, the catalogue was put in use. Judging by the results of the three months which had elapsed up to January 1, 1876, the expenditure, both of labor and of money, which the catalogue represents, has been fully justified. A great improvement has taken place in the character of the books called for. The demand for works of fiction has decreased from 81 per cent of the whole to 76 per cent, and for periodical literature from 8 per cent to 5 per cent. On the other hand, the circulation of works of the more solid class has increased from 11 to 19 per cent; the increase having been distributed as follows: Biography, from 1.5 to 3 per cent; Travels, from 1.6 to 3 per cent; History, from 2 to 3.5 per cent; books relating to the Arts and Sciences, from 1 to 1.5 per cent, and others in like proportion. Each one per cent in the increase or decrease of a particular description of literature represents a circulation of about 400 volumes a year.

To us the result above indicated is very gratifying. It is interesting, also, to compare it with the experience of the Boston City Library, with which the system of inserting reading notes in catalogues originated. This was first done in 1874, and was confined to the departments of History and Biography. As soon as the annotated catalogue was put in use, the description of the works called for changed in the following ratio: Fiction fell from 76 to 71 per cent of the whole, and Biography and History each rose from 1 to 3 per cent, showing an almost exact similarity between our own experience and that of Boston.

The number of copies of the catalogue which could be printed, depended, of course, on the amount of the catalogue fund. It was not thought prudent to venture on an edition of more than one thousand. Of this number 400 copies must be reserved for the use of the town, as 20 copies have to be kept in regular service, and the average life of a catalogue on the tables of the library does not exceed six months. They become so defaced and mutilated by constant use, that, at the end of that time, they have to be replaced by new ones. In disposing of the balance of the edition, the plan was to

put them, regardless of their cost, within the reasonable reach of every one, without offering them at a price so low as to destroy their value, or to render people careless of them. Accordingly, copies bound in paper, which had cost \$1.75 each, were sold at 75 cents; and the copies bound in cloth, which had cost \$2.10, at \$1.00. The sale, though not rapid, has been as fast as is desirable; for it is to be borne in mind that it is not proposed to issue future editions of the catalogue. The present outlay was meant to be final, and there is no reason why this work should be done over for an indefinite time. Some 300 copies, which can be spared from library use, yet remain on hand; and these will gradually be disposed of.

The work of cataloguing should, under no circumstances, in future be allowed to fall into arrears. Its cost, if it is kept up the whole time, is trifling, — \$80 a year would cover it, including the cost of printing. If allowed to fall two years behindhand, it would probably cost \$500 to bring it up. Taking the present catalogue as a fixed basis to start from, it is proposed in future to have every book and all the periodical articles of any permanent value entered in a card catalogue by the librarian as soon as they are received. In addition to this, the names of all new books will be kept constantly posted on bulletin-boards upon the walls of the library. Whenever the accumulation warrants it, which should be as often as once in three years, the card catalogue can, at a moment's notice, be sent to the printer, and a supplement to the present catalogue, filling probably about forty pages, issued. The one essential thing is, to keep the work always in progress. The moment it stops, the money spent in buying new books is practically thrown away.

The library is now organized throughout on the most approved plan; it is doing a good work, and every demand upon it can be responded to at the shortest possible notice. Meanwhile, the books have been in constant use for over four years, and those in greatest demand show it severely. The works of the more popular authors are, in fact, completely

worn out, and must be replaced. The librarian consequently reports that, apart from all purchases of new books during the coming year, at least 444 old volumes will have to be replaced, and that duplicate copies of some 204 other books of the more favorite authors, are greatly needed to meet a constant demand. A good deal of binding is also necessary. This renewal will constitute a heavy charge on the coming year, during which, also, for the first time, the full annual rent must be paid for the library building. To cover these charges, exceptional and ordinary, and to purchase a moderate number of new books, so as to keep the collection fairly up to the demands made upon it, will require an appropriation of \$3,200 for the coming year.

The receipts and expenditures of the past year are set forth in the accompanying report of the Treasurer.

For the Trustees,

C. F. ADAMS, JUN.,

Chairman.

ACCOUNT OF TREASURER OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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To cash in treasury, Feb. 1, 1875,	\$703 79
Town appropriation,	3,200 00
Town treasurer, dog-licenses,	700 18
From fines,	118 03
From catalogues and postage,	212 20
For old paper,	4 02
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	\$4,938 22

CR. BY DISBURSEMENTS.

For books,	\$809 09
Stationery and printing,	173 98
Binding,	183 55
Expressage,	44 65
Heating,	71 50
Gas,	212 25
Salaries,	1,247 97
Furniture and fixtures,	190 65
Catalogue,	1,804 17
Incidentals,	59 18
Balance cash in treasury,	141 23
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	\$4,938 22

HENRY BARKER, *Treas.*

APPENDIX.

REGISTRY

OF

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

IN 1875.

NOTE. — The Town Clerk requests information of all omissions, errors, and inaccuracies, in order that the Registration Record may be made more complete and correct.

BIRTHS IN 1875.

Jan. 1. C. F. Hodgkinson.	Feb. 17. Lizzie Lines.
" 7. John J. Moynihan.	" 22. Wm. E. Griffiths.
" 8. Esther L. Costaine.	" 22. Geo. Alfred Leavitt.
" 9. Mary Loring Trask.	" 24. Chas. Fredk. Trask.
" 11. Nellie A. Bradbury.	" 25. Richard Barry.
" 17. Emma Sophia Dell.	" 26. Morris Spillane.
" 18. Mary Dolan.	" 27. James P. Carroll.
" 19. Emma Kreugar.	" 28. John Lucy.
" 19. Janey Frances Pratt.	Mar. 1. Jane A. Gordon.
" 20. Mary E. Freel.	" 4. Ernest E. Perry.
" 20. Laura F. Brown.	" 7. Emma M. Dodge.
" 28. Mary A. McGowan.	" 9. Honora Forrest.
" 29. Dennis Ford.	" 11. Mabel A. Powers.
Feb. 3. Chas. A. Thomas.	" 15. Agnes Maloney.
" 6. Katie A. Cashman.	" 16. Mary E. Birmingham.
" 10. Edward W. Capen.	" 17. Alfred P. J. Pinel.
" 12. Ellen Louise Brown.	" 20. Georgiana M. Miner.
" 12. Emma E. French.	" 21. Ann C. Haley.
" 13. Clara N. Brown.	" 22. Mary Ellen Kelly.
" 14. Flora Helen Ladd.	" 26. Elizabeth O'Brien.
" 15. Fredk. L. Hayden.	" 30. Jas. Henry Glidden.
" 16. Frankie W. Jones.	" 30. Jerome J. Kelly.

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| Apr. | 2. | Grace S. Magill. | May | 29. | Mabel F. Rowe. |
| " | 2. | Annie G. Boyd. | June | 1. | Grace V. Gordon. |
| " | 3. | B. F. Miller. | " | 2. | I. R. Nightingale. |
| " | 4. | Geo. Willie Jones. | " | 5. | Nellie Haley. |
| " | 5. | Nellie G. Kendrick. | " | 5. | Laura Ellen Morris. |
| " | 6. | Daniel Fitz. | " | 12. | Joseph T. Shehan. |
| " | 7. | Thos. McConnerty. | " | 12. | Amy A. Hosie. |
| " | 7. | John Hickey. | " | 13. | Gracie W. Ewell. |
| " | 10. | Reginald H. Howe. | " | 13. | John J. McDavitt. |
| " | 11. | Nellie Haley. | " | 14. | George Brackett. |
| " | 12. | John P. McDonnell. | " | 15. | Hannah Sullivan. |
| " | 12. | Ellen Moynihan. | " | 16. | Alice Mary Walters. |
| " | 13. | Sarah A. Clark. | " | 21. | Mabel Emma Oxford. |
| " | 13. | John H. McDougal. | " | 22. | Dennis F. Greaney. |
| " | 13. | Henry Hall Rogers. | " | 22. | Honora M. Leary. |
| " | 14. | George Dunn. | " | 23. | Mary J. Keegan. |
| " | 15. | Mary Ryan. | " | 23. | Mary Ann Gould. |
| " | 16. | Nathl. Lord Curtis. | " | 24. | Margaret Waddock. |
| " | 21. | Lavinia Kennedy. | " | 25. | Sarah Keating. |
| " | 21. | Albert Clark. | " | 26. | Daniel Sullivan. |
| " | 23. | Gracie M. Litchfield. | " | 26. | Eliza Fran's Duggan. |
| " | 27. | George A. Mason. | " | 26. | Bertha Louise Ellis. |
| " | 28. | Thomas F. Cain. | " | 28. | Geo. Barker Gavin. |
| May | 4. | Mary Ann Doyle. | " | 29. | Annie G. Noble. |
| " | 4. | Michael Reardon. | " | 29. | Martin Logan. |
| " | 5. | Mary Bucrgnsky. | " | 29. | Flora Belle Shaw. |
| " | 5. | — McKee. | " | 30. | Wm. Aleck Faxon. |
| " | 7. | Louise T. Newcomb. | July | 2. | Lucretia Shaw Hill. |
| " | 8. | Nellie F. Hope. | " | 3. | H. Whitcomb Porter. |
| " | 11. | Bertha E. A. Mellish. | " | 4. | John Francis Barry. |
| " | 13. | John James. | " | 4. | Catharine Cahill. |
| " | 15. | Kate Foley. | " | 6. | Jeremiah Keefe. |
| " | 17. | Michael Harterey. | " | 7. | Agnes C. Bennett. |
| " | 22. | Mary F. Riley. | " | 8. | Gracie May Doble. |
| " | 22. | Maggie Cleverly. | " | 10. | Katie Emily Evans. |
| " | 23. | George B. Hicks. | " | 12. | Frederick Scammel. |
| " | 27. | Frank M. Chubbuck. | " | 15. | Mary Isabel Hayden. |
| " | 27. | Edward A. Chute. | " | 16. | Eva N. Bassett. |

July 16. Mary F. Sampson.
 " 17. John Martin.
 " 17. Henry Adams.
 " 17. John Adams.
 " 19. James Smith.
 " 19. Maud G. Haines.
 " 20. Fred'k G. Smith.
 " 20. Wm. Simon Langon.
 " 20. George B. Hersey.
 " 22. Nellie L. Mitchell.
 " 25. John F. Sullivan.
 " 26. John W. Graham.
 " 26. Annie Ruth Keegan.
 " 28. Jas. Francis Kelley.
 " 30. Winifred Garbarino.
 " 31. Andrew Scully.
 Aug. —. Emma Williams.
 " 8. Marian I. Bailey.
 " 9. Charles Deasey.
 " 11. Dennis Mahoney.
 " 11. Francis Smith.
 " 12. Mary F. Goddard.
 " 13. Annie M. Stancombe.
 " 14. Kate Lauretta Shea.
 " 16. John Fitzgerald.
 " 16. Ida La V. Thomas.
 " 17. John M. Keliher.
 " 19. John A. Carter.
 " 20. John Henry Wood.
 " 22. Thomas P. Little.
 " 22. Lora L. Biganess.
 " 25. — McGrath.
 " 27. Frances P. O'Brien.
 " 27. Ewd. W. Hayden.
 " 27. Sophia M. Sylvester.
 " 29. Edward W. Curtis.
 " 31. Fannie L. Hawes.

Sept. 1. James Connor.

Sept. 3. Walter F. Goodhue.
 " 3. Ada May Flowers.
 " 4. John Griffin.
 " 5. Thomas Bethune.
 " 5. Bertha Ismay Lloyd.
 " 5. Rosanna Savage.
 " 8. Michael F. Cuniff.
 " 9. Herbert R. Holmes.
 " 12. Sus'na Cunningham.
 " 14. Chas. Henry Owens.
 " 15. Eliz. Cunningham.
 " 18. Ruby May Caldwell.
 " 19. H. S. Butterworth.
 " 20. Julia Ford.
 " 24. Albert G. Green.
 " 25. Annie E. Whitcomb.
 " 25. Wm. James Hayes.
 " 26. Fred. W. Newcomb.
 " 27. Ewd. Stephen Cole.
 " 29. Annie M. Neagle.
 " 29. Anna M. Brennan.
 Oct. —. Julia Holland.
 " —. — Litchfield.
 " —. — Litchfield.
 " 1. Marcus S. Wight.
 " 2. Wm. McGonagle.
 " 2. Harrison A. Glover.
 " 2. Merton C. Brown.
 " 4. William Mundy.
 " 4. Chas. H. Hardwick.
 " 6. Edith F. Clafin.
 " 7. Cora Lynn Page.
 " 7. Anna T. Gullicksie.
 " 11. Alice Ludden Crane.
 " 12. Julia Griffin.
 " 13. Mary T. Stewart.
 " 18. Eleanor Murphy.
 " 22. Jennie L. Gordon.

Oct. 24.	Aug. F. Patterson.	Nov. 28.	John Gilbert Miller.
" 25.	Gertrude L. Tate.	" 29.	Mattie J. Hardwick.
" 27.	Anna L. Gardner.	Dec. 2.	— Simmons.
" 28.	Geo. H. Northcott.	" 3.	Wm. Clark Polson.
" 29.	Lewis Alex. McFee.	" 4.	Mary A. Provost.
" 29.	Anna Louise Bemis.	" 8.	Charles B. Holmes.
" 29.	Alice Clark Bemis.	" 8.	John G. Brosnan.
" 30.	Emily Miller.	" 10.	Hannah E. Litchfield.
Nov. 1.	Carl A. Berndson.	" 11.	— Johnson.
" 3.	Mabel Fish.	" 12.	Hans H. B. Kobel.
" 6.	Ella L. Chamberlin.	" 14.	Minnie L. Thomas.
" 6.	Ella G. Mahoney.	" 16.	Martha H. Wells.
" 7.	James E. Whitney.	" 18.	Alice W. Cleverly.
" 8.	Charles F. Dinegan.	" 19.	Mary E. Harkins.
" 10.	Jane Ellen Moore.	" 19.	Catherine Sweeney.
" 11.	Allan Graham.	" 20.	— Case.
" 12.	Ellen Connor.	" 20.	John Ballou.
" 18.	Hannah Butler.	" 21.	— Bates.
" 24.	Julia Donovan.	" 26.	Sarah Wiley.
" 24.	— Tucker.	" 26.	James H. Prouty.
" 25.	— Bisson.	" 27.	— Sherman.
" 27.	Richard Timothy.	" 30.	Arthur McDanai.
" 28.	— Drew.	" 30.	Francis McLaughlin.

Whole number of births registered	.	.	242
Males	114
Females	128
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			242

						Males.	Females.	Total.
January	3	10	13
February	11	6	17
March	4	10	14
April	15	8	23
May .	.	.	.	.	.	7	9	16
June .	.	.	.	.	.	9	17	26
July .	.	.	.	.	.	15	12	27
August	11	10	21
September	12	10	22
October	10	15	25
November	7	10	17
December	10	11	21
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						114	128	242

REGISTRY OF MARRIAGES IN 1875.

DATE.		NAME.	RESIDENCE.
January	3.	John S. Gay, Lucy J. Lovell,	Quincy. Weymouth.
"	9.	Henry E. Sanborn, Lettie G. Gibbs,	Southbridge. Quincy.
"	10.	John F. Birmingham, Mary E. Danehy,	Quincy. "
"	21.	Samuel C. Spaulding, Jr., Almira Sherburne,	Palmyra, Me. Quincy.
"	31.	James Tate, Katie Murphy,	Quincy. "
February	3.	George Monk, Lizzie A. Burgoyne,	Quincy. "
"	7.	Dennis Connelly, Mary Connelly,	Quincy. Boston.
"	16.	Charles P. Shoemaker, Fanny Page,	Jackson, Mich. Quincy.
March	6.	John L. Armstrong, Eliza Woods,	Quincy. "
"	31.	Frank C. Packard, Lucy C. Newcomb,	" "
April	4.	Marcus E. Wight, Emma F. Hayden,	" "
"	5.	Lewis Adams, Delia Senville,	" "

Registry of Marriages in 1875. — Continued.

DATE.		NAME.	RESIDENCE.
April	7.	Joseph W. Stancombe, Annie M. Long,	Quincy. “
“	8.	Alfred Zoeller, Mary A. Bower,	“ “
“	15.	Richard D. Nash, Angie S. Amsbury,	Quincy. “
“	17.	Par Meninich, Barbara McMillan,	Quincy. “
May	6.	George Shaw, Adaliza Kain,	Quincy. “
“	9.	Patrick J. Kelly, Annie F. Smith,	Quincy. “
“	9.	George R. Porter, Carlie I. Tyler,	Boston. “
“	18.	John Darby, Jr., Ida F. Glines,	Quincy. “
“	30.	Thomas Wilson, Mary Hennessey,	Quincy. “
June	2.	Walter W. Slade, Emma L. Wrisley,	Quincy. “
“	2.	Franklin A. Howe, Hattie E. Thomas,	Quincy. “
“	9.	John F. O. Wilkins, Isabel Curtis,	Boston. Quincy.
“	27.	Frank Henry Reynolds, Jeannette Rennie,	Braintree. “

Registry of Marriages in 1875.—*Continued.*

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
July 6.	Frank A. Bates, Mary Nellie Sprague,	No. Attleboro'. “
“ 23.	Robert A. Riley, Mary A. Munroe,	Quincy. “
August 4.	Francis W. Pratt, Eliza F. Packard,	Quincy. “
“ 5.	George H. Hayden, Lillie E. Ruston,	Quincy. “
“ 24.	Lucius W. Allen, Millicent M. Barbour,	Boston. “
September 4.	Charles Johnson, Christine Perrson,	Quincy. “
“ 5.	Michael Dempsey, Johanna Murphy,	Quincy. “
“ 8.	Elbert W. Whitney, Mary F. French,	Waltham. Quincy.
“ 9.	George H. Holmes, Abby Lucinda Goodwin,	Quincy. “
“ 10.	John Jass, Mary Taylor,	Quincy. “
“ 22.	Henry Austin Spear, Carrie Ella Stoddard,	Weymouth. “
“ 23.	Timothy Collins, Margaret Conlan,	Quincy. “
“ 28.	Erastus L. Metcalf, Eliza H. Sawyer,	Franklin. Quincy.

Registry of Marriages in 1875. — Continued.

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
September 30.	Harvey S. Page, Florence E. Colby,	Quincy. “
“ 30.	Henry E. Chamberlin, Amy E. Barstow,	Quincy. “
October 6.	Clarence B. Underwood, Mary A. Thayer,	Quincy. “
“ 10.	C. Edgar Tirrell, Lizzie A. Prouty,	Quincy. “
“ 17.	Martin L. Pendleton, Mary Ann Welch,	Quincy. “
“ 17.	Patrick Sullivan, Mary Fitzgerald,	Quincy. “
“ 20.	William Patterson, Maria Kennedy McMillan,	Quincy. “
“ 24.	Timothy Callahan, Mary Driscoll,	Quincy. Boston.
“ 26.	John Greenough Moore, Louisa W. Baylor,	Quincy. “
“ 28.	Thomas O'Shea, Mary Ann Elcock,	Quincy. “
“ 31.	William Kennedy, Jane Bunvie,	Quincy. “
November 4.	John Moriarty, Maggie W. Devlin,	Medford. Quincy.
“ 4.	William Stanley Phillips, Fanny E. Loud,	Quincy. “

Registry of Marriages in 1875. — Continued.

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
November 4.	William Wilkinson, Eliza Vernon,	Quincy. “
“ 8.	Edward Farrell, Mary I. Brasier,	Quincy. “
“ 9.	Peter Ball, Kate Brady,	Quincy. Cambridge.
“ 9.	Cyrus Balkam, Jr., Elizabeth B. Glover,	Quincy. “
“ 9.	Norman McIntire, Mary Agnes Geary,	Nova Scotia. Quincy.
“ 11.	Charles F. Hardwick, Annie W. Clapp,	Quincy. Milton.
“ 11.	Clift R. Crane, Carrie J. Johnson,	Quincy. “
“ 18.	William H. Brock, Lucy M. Rich,	Quincy. “
“ 22.	Horace W. Totman, Lydia A. Prouty,	Quincy. “
“ 23.	James E. Dunn, Bridget M. Hayes,	Quincy. “
“ 24.	Frederic E. Sprowl, Sarah A. Cook,	Quincy. “
“ 24.	William H. Mears, Crissie A. Wentworth,	Quincy. “
“ 25.	Arthur H. Hall, Alice E. Peckham,	Brockton. “

Registry of Marriages in 1875. — Continued.

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
November 25.	Benjamin F. Thomas, Izetta M. Rice,	Quincy. “
“ 25.	Edwin W. Newcomb, Alice J. Walker,	Quincy. “
“ 27.	John McCormick, Ida C. Corliss,	Quincy. “
December 2.	William Walter Ewell, Maria M. Randlett,	Quincy. “
“ 5.	Thomas E. Fernald, Caroline S. Dorane,	Quincy. Stoughton.
“ 16.	Herbert L. Kimball, Lucie A. Stoddard,	Boston. Quincy.
“ 21.	James E. Maxim, Etta W. Lingham,	Quincy. “
“ 24.	Perez Chubbuck, Jr., Maria Seely,	Quincy. “
“ 27.	Webster F. Crosby, Sarah Jane Hill,	Braintree. “
“ 28.	Walter Rodgers, Ida A. Burr,	Boston. Quincy.
Total,	. . . . .	74
January	5	July 2
February	3	August 3
March	2	September 10
April	6	October 9
May	5	November 18
June	4	December 7

REGISTRY OF DEATHS IN 1875.

DATE.		NAME.	AGE.		
			Yrs.	Mths.	Days.
January	2.	Charles Elcock,	76		
"	5.	John S. Bower,	18	11	24
"	7.	Maria L. Wilson,		4	18
"	13.	John Putnam,	77		
"	13.	Jeremiah Sheahan,	32	10	6
"	15.	Nathaniel E. Glover,	38	10	26
"	16.	Mary Crosby Chubbuck,	69	3	16
"	16.	Robert F. Blake,	7	6	
"	17.	Julia A. Bill,	13	2	
"	18.	Florence J. Sullivan,	15	2	
"	21.	Timothy Cullity,	26		
"	22.	Winnie May Faxon,	1	7	
"	24.	Fred Coy,	76		
"	28.	Bathsheba Parker,	84	7	3
"	28.	John M. McRae,	5	2	12
"	30.	Mary J. Walsh,	35	6	22
"	31.	Mary Lyons,		1	
February	1.	Harriet Richardson,	55		
"	2.	Betsey Follett,	70	10	18
"	5.	Elizabeth Roberts,	56	0	0
"	13.	Annie Lucretia Worster,		9	8
"	16.	—— Miller,			0
"	17.	Lizzie M. Spear,	26	6	4
"	18.	Emily Grady,		4	6
"	19.	Warren J. Vinal,	57	4	17
"	20.	Susanna Burrell,	81	2	3
"	20.	Harriet A. Turner,	47	10	
"	21.	William H. Dasha,	48	10	13
"	26.	—— Alley,			0
"	26.	—— O'Connell,			0
March	1.	Prince Hathaway,	65		
"	1.	Annie M. Langton,	23	8	9
"	1.	Isaac H. Meserve,	61	8	9
"	1.	Josephine Powers,		2	3
"	2.	Jonas Hallstram,	92	3	
"	3.	Hannah O'Connell,	34		

Registry of Deaths in 1875. — Continued.

DATE.		NAME.	AGE.		
			Yrs.	Mths.	Days.
March	6.	William Gregory,	52		
"	7.	Nicholas L. Elcock,	21	9	
"	11.	Horatio T. Carruth,	73	11	
"	11.	Gertrude A. Mitchell,	26	3	16
"	13.	Mary S. Walsh,		1	28
"	18.	John Cronin,	55		
"	19.	George Dell,	4	5	
"	20.	Charles D. Collins,	41		
"	20.	Samuel B. Bent,	28	6	5
"	20.	Oliver S. Woods,	2	5	3
"	23.	Catherine Givens,	60		
"	25.	Maggie G. Powers,	1	6	10
"	26.	Susie W. Lincoln,	26	8	18
"	28.	Catherine Maloney,	3	9	11
April	2.	Mary Regan,	85		
"	8.	Jeannette Roberts,	45	11	8
"	15.	Thomas Kennon,	83	8	
"	17.	Thomas P. Hayes,		7	
"	22.	Mary R. Taft,	58	11	6
"	22.	Catherine Bowman,		8	
"	23.	Mary Ann Glennon,	44	1	
"	28.	Welthea T. Standish,	50		9
"	29.	Robert L. Gibbs,		7	21
"	30.	Henry Perkins,	26	7	
May	5.	—— McKie,			0
"	6.	James McMahan,	66		
"	11.	Thomas J. Nightingale,	74	2	15
"	13.	Thomas B. Hall,	70		15
"	—	—— Coolidge,			0
"	18.	Annie Reed Packard,	1	11	24
"	19.	James Mayberry,		8	
"	23.	Harriet A. Moses,	73	3	
"	25.	Mary Dolan,		4	7
"	29.	Jefferson Morrill,	46	11	
"	31.	Bridget Larkin,	39	1	
June	1.	Edmund Pope,	61	9	
"	6.	Emily Ingram,	32	2	
"	11.	John Maloney,	4	1	17
"	14.	James M. Ryan,			2

Registry of Deaths in 1875. — *Continued.*

DATE.		NAME.	AGE.		
			Yrs.	Mths.	Days.
June	17.	William Mosher,	68		
"	17.	Unknown,		3	
"	19.	Thomas E. Horslin,	19	9	
"	22.	Matthew Drohan,	11	3	
"	23.	Randolph Turner,	38	4	26
"	25.	Mary E. Drohan,	14	8	14
"	26.	John A. Hamilton,	22	10	2
"	30.	Nettie F. Glover,	1	1	13
July	1.	Ellen M. Collins,	26	9	
"	3.	Margaret Drohan,	6	2	3
"	6.	Susan C. Balkam,	63	2	
"	7.	Charles P. Greenough,		2	
"	8.	Michael Hoar,		9	
"	17.	Harry A. Merrill,			12
"	18.	—— Shackley,			
"	20.	Lila Evelyn Hicks,	5	8	
"	22.	Mary Agnes Farrell,	2	6	
"	23.	Henry R. Haven,	12	5	7
"	23.	John McCarthy,	4		
"	27.	John Moynihan,		6	
"	27.	Maria Mortenson,	69		
"	29.	Edward O'Connor,	57		
August	1.	Mary Cunniff,			12
"	2.	Elizabeth J. Anderson,		2	18
"	2.	Edward Howland,			0
"	2.	Lizzie Howland,			0
"	3.	Luke A. Rideout,	37	7	27
"	5.	Jerusha A. Newcomb,	76	9	
"	5.	Alfred Richardson,	63		
"	6.	Lizzie M. Howland,	31		
"	7.	Henry H. Davis,		3	20
"	8.	Patrick Carroll,	30		
"	12.	Harry J. Davis,		3	25
"	16.	Mary S. Fenton,	49		
"	16.	Robert Ellis,		8	16
"	17.	John C. Sullivan,		7	22
"	17.	Mary M. Clements,		5	14
"	18.	Hubert S. Reed,	2	4	
"	18.	Jennie T. Lincoln,		7	

Registry of Deaths in 1875. — Continued.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.		
		Yrs.	Mths.	Days.
August 22.	Wallace Fann,		11	
" 22.	Charles E. Wrisley,	55	10	12
" 25.	John Conroy,		5	8
" 27.	—— Ryan,			0
" 28.	Michael Burns,	38		
" 29.	William A. Swasey,		9	14
September 2.	James Vance,	46	3	
" 7.	Carrie I. Peverly,		1	14
" 8.	Lizzie F. Lapham,		10	10
" 8.	Ellen Moynihan,		5	
" 9.	John Haviland,	38	1	6
" 11.	Peter Boyle,	70		
" 12.	Grace W. Ewell,		3	
" 13.	Marcella Keenan,	55		
" 14.	—— McGrath,			0
" 16.	Ellen M. Murray,	22	5	7
" 18.	Louisa Blake,	19		
" 19.	Michael Fitzgerald,	2	6	
" 19.	William I. Wiley,	1	5	
" 23.	William F. Manning,	8	8	
" 23.	Roderick McLane, Jr.,		11	2
" 28.	Joseph C. Collins,	21	2	
" 30.	Annie A. Noble,		3	
October 2.	Honora O'Keefe,	1	2	3
" 5.	Caroline C. D. Kobel,	1	8	
" 8.	James Geary,	48		
" 10.	James Patrick Carroll,		7	13
" 13.	George W. Pierce,	37	3	9
" 13.	Ann Lane,	50		
" 13.	Elizabeth A. Matthews,	33		
" 15.	Hiram P. Pierce,		7	18
" 17.	—— Anderson,			0
" 18.	—— Hartney,			0
" 25.	William R. Bowen,	11	5	5
" 27.	Bessie K. Livermore,	2	3	15
" 27.	Albert F. Barnard,	52		
" 31.	Fannie Whiting,	73	6	
" 31.	Hugh Lewis,	49	4	23
November 3.	Mary R. Hayden,	83		

Registry of Deaths in 1875. — Continued.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.		
		Yrs.	Mths.	Days.
November 4.	Annie B. Arnold,	21	1	16
" 4.	Ada May Flowers,		2	5
" 8.	Annie Ryan,	1	9	15
" 9.	Sarah Hall,	75		
" 11.	William Costello,	57		
" 12.	Mabel Fish,			9
" 18.	John H. Wessells,	75		
" 20.	John Wigley,	86	6	19
" 20.	John A. Davies,	26	3	7
" 21.	Calvin L. Wilmarth,	71	8	
" 23.	Francis Williams,	73	4	7
" 23.	Maria P. Crane,	44	7	
" 27.	Martha O'Brien,	3	9	15
December 1.	Nabby Picknell,	74	10	
" 3.	Nancy Remington,	73	9	13
" 3.	Mary E. Hartney,	34		
" 4.	Annie E. Whitcomb,	17	6	
" 8.	Edward J. Johnston,	20		
" 12.	—— Holt,			0
" 16.	Elizabeth T. Snell,	55	8	16
" 17.	Thomas A. Haley,	3	5	9
" 20.	W. Edwin Everson,	21	6	
" 24.	—— Gilrain,			0
" 25.	Deborah O. Cudworth,	69	3	25

Registration of Deaths which occurred in other Places, the Burials being in Quincy.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			PLACE OF DEATH.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
January	Susan B. Lougee,	7.			Chelsea.
"	Isaac Clark,	69		2	Boston.
"	Mary J. Anderson,	51	8		Taunton.
February	Alonzo A. Lingham,	32	6		Brookton.
"	Lucinda Munn,	6	4		Chelsea.
March	Lucy E. Pierce,	84			Brooklyn, N.Y.
"	Charles J. Oldham,	38			Boston.
April	Isabella Glynn,	33	5		Lancaster, N.H.
"	Elbridge G. Hobart,	28			Taunton.
"	Hannah Ward,	67			Stoughton.
"	Lydia A. Hayden,	76	9		Hull.
May	Timothy Kennedy,	63	7	28	Worcester.
"	Clarissa Packard,	26			Yarmouth.
July	Jeremiah Shea,	65			Boston.
August	Jennie M. Freeman,	85			Boston.
"	Louise D. Chapin,		6	5	Boston.
"	Ellen Scannell,		6	22	Taunton.
"	Celia Belcher,	46			Boston.
September 30.	Samuel Littlefield,	79	3		E. Milton.
November	Ann Bass,	72	4		E. Milton.
"	Fannie M. Pope,	63	6		Boston.
"	Jane M. A. Pope,	5		15	Boston.
"		1	4	7	Boston.

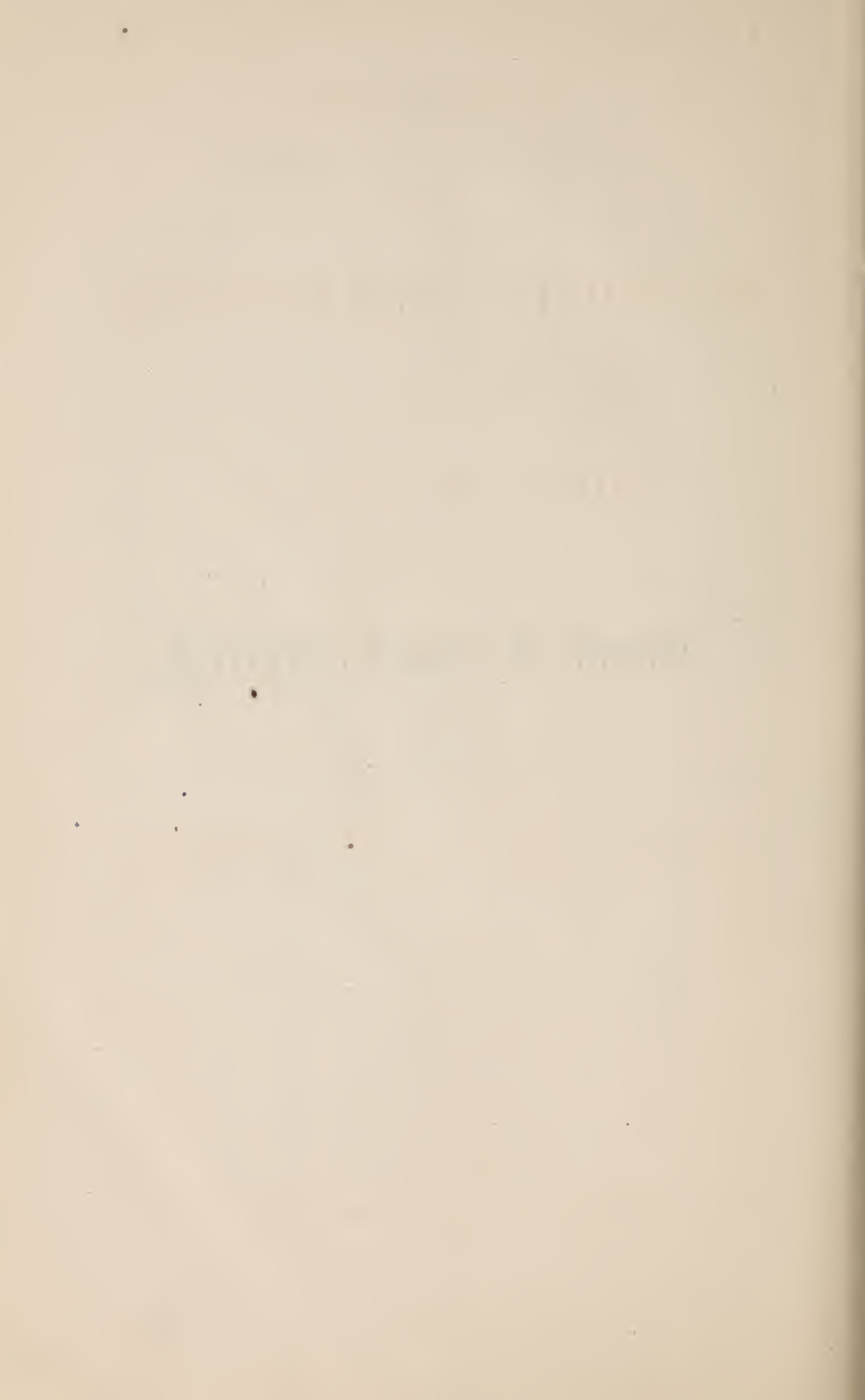
Total number of deaths registered, 199.

Males	99
Females	100

DATE.	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
January	11	9	20
February	5	10	15
March	12	10	22
April	5	8	13
May	6	7	13
June	9	3	12
July	7	8	15
August	16	11	27
September	9	9	18
October	9	6	15
November	7	11	18
December	3	8	11
	<hr/> 99	<hr/> 100	<hr/> 199

	NUMBER.
Under 1 year of age	54
Between 1 and 10 years of age	27
“ 10 “ 20 “ “	10
“ 20 “ 30 “ “	18
“ 30 “ 40 “ “	18
“ 40 “ 50 “ “	13
“ 50 “ 60 “ “	14
“ 60 “ 70 “ “	16
“ 70 “ 80 “ “	20
“ 80 “ 90 “ “	8
“ 90 “ 95 “ “	1
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REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.



REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF QUINCY,
FOR THE
SCHOOL YEAR 1875-76.

School Committee.

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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

At the last annual meeting of the town, the school committee were authorized to employ a superintendent of schools. It was thought that this measure would impart an increased efficiency and economy to the management of this department. It was urged that the advantageous discharge of duties at once so delicate and so multifarious, required the constant and undivided attention of a trained agent. The intellectual culture, not less than the financial interest of the people, in short, demanded this reform. This conviction had been forced upon the committee by long observation and experience. It had commended itself to the good sense of the town. It was determined to try the experiment. The committee accordingly selected Mr. F. W. Parker, a gentleman very highly accredited to them, to fill the position. The duty was assigned to him of executing the measures determined on by the committee. Under their supervision he was required to devote his entire time and energy to the examination and improvement of the schools. He was to be, in fact, the executive officer of the town, to manage the practical details of school-work.

It soon became manifest to the committee, that this measure was likely to be productive of the benefits anticipated by its friends ; but it also became plain, that its full result could not be wholly realized in one year.

The committee had long felt the necessity of a gradual remodelling of our system of teaching. If we wished to keep up with the march of modern improvements in pedagogies, it had become essential to introduce important modifications in our method of imparting knowledge. But such

reorganizations require time. They cannot be struck out at a blow. For their full development and free action, they require two or three years of constant care and attention at least.

Still the work has been begun with judgment, and prosecuted with energy, ability and success. It was evident that the first obstacle to remove or modify was, irregularity of attendance. Great pains have been taken accordingly to stimulate a more stringent effort on the part of parents and pupils alike to alleviate the evil. Nor have these exertions been without effect. A comparison of the statistics of daily and average attendance, which accompany this report, will show, after all fair allowances are made, that there has been a real improvement in this respect. A second step has been to try to render school as little repugnant to the scholar as strict discipline and faithful study would permit. Especially should the lowest steps of the ladder be made easy for little feet. For though there be no royal road to learning, modern thought has removed some stumbling blocks from the old and beaten path.

Above all, we have striven to combine, co-ordinate, and connect each separate teaching-force working in our system into a single harmonious effort, moving smoothly and efficiently to secure the greatest possible progress and the highest common advantage. Partial results, immediately apparent, entirely justify the committee in declaring that the public schools of Quincy have never heretofore attained the average excellence and efficiency which they show to-day. There is still room, however, for great improvement.

And in view of what has been already accomplished, as well as in anticipation of results which may soon be realized from the progressive development of the plan in operation, the committee feel entirely safe in pronouncing the experiment they were permitted to try an assured success. The town could not afford to retrace its steps. A superintendent has become a necessity and an economy. This last element of gain has been conspicuous in the keen and constant supervision of repairs, and in the careful buying and methodical

issue of supplies. Many small purchases and occasional expenditures, which have sometimes been made without sufficient oversight and concert, have been economically concentrated and accurately checked. The care of the school-houses and fires has been systematized, and the expense greatly reduced. Above all, a minute account of every cent of expenditure incurred or authorized, has been kept from day to day, so that the committee have been able, at any moment, to ascertain precisely how they stood.

In a word, this department has been conducted upon the same principles which are found indispensable to the successful management of all private business.

Having thus briefly stated their judgment upon the general character and tendency of the year's work, the committee beg the attention of the town to the report of the superintendent, which is submitted herewith for a detailed and specific account of his views and action.

In obedience to a recent statute, the enumeration of children between the ages of five and fifteen years, which had, heretofore, been taken by the selectmen, was, on the first of May last, executed by the agents of the committee. The duty was performed with scrupulous exactness, and the result has verified the repeated suggestions of the committee, that former returns seemed to understate the true school population of the town. The assessors reported, that the number on the 1st of May, 1874, was 1,487. On the 1st of May, 1875, the committee found no less than 1,727; and that is the number to which our known population would entitle us. In order to secure, as far as possible, a reliable accuracy for their census, the committee caused the name and age of each individual to be carefully entered in books prepared for the purpose.

Of this total number, we find that 1,420 are attending in some one of the public schools. Of the remainder, 37 are accounted for in various private schools. Twenty are students of the Adams Academy, and 250 seem not to be regular or occasional pupils at any school.

Most of the latter are believed to be working for wages ;

a few are known to the committee as truants. But the evil of truancy has much diminished. It was found absolutely necessary to proceed against one boy under the by-law of the town for incorrigible persistence in this offence. He was removed to the Plummer Farm School at Salem, where he is reported to be doing very well. This example has had a salutary effect.

REPAIRS.

The repairs and improvements specifically ordered by the town, upon certain of the school-houses and grounds have been well and economically completed. This portion of the town property is now in good condition, and likely to require but little ordinary repair for the next year. Nor do the committee feel constrained to ask for any large extraordinary expenditure at present. With the exception of one district, the accommodation afforded by the existing houses is reasonably sufficient. But, in spite of the frequent attention, and condemnation which it has received from the town and its committees, no action has yet been taken to remove the primary scholars of the Coddington school from the low and ill-ventilated basement-room in which they have long been misplaced. More than once the town has authorized the committee to carry out proposed plans of relief; but, from one reason or another, these plans were found impracticable. It is now proposed to proceed forthwith, and to solve the problem by placing a Mansard roof upon the present building. This alteration, while it will not injure the appearance of the house, will afford an excellent area for the grammar school, leaving the two lower floors for the younger classes. This plan can be carried out far more cheaply than any other, and no other would, upon the whole, afford more favorable results.

The committee also ask for a small extraordinary appropriation, to plaster and finish one room at the Point school-house, which requires but a small outlay to fit it for occupation. And the design of the committee, if approved by the town, is to follow in the case of the Neck School the policy

which has been already adopted with such happy results at Germantown.

Every one at this day knows that it is no better than time, energy, money, and children wasted, to persist in maintaining small, ungraded and isolated schools, when it is possible, at the same expense, to combine the outlying pupils with the great body of the children of the district. For many years Germantown and the Neck schools have been generally far behind the graded schools in every thing which makes a school efficient. Sometimes, as now at the Neck, an exceptionally faithful and able teacher may succeed in reducing the interval, but it never can be closed. The committee propose, therefore, to transfer the Neck school to the Washington school-house. A considerable portion of the pupils of the Neck school will have no further to go than they now do. If any, from distance or tender years should really require regular or occasional transportation, the committee have the power to furnish it if the town so determine.

FINANCES.

The entire sum available for school purposes during the year was \$33,953.12, which was derived from the sources, and applied to the purposes, specified below:

In the first place, the town appropriated for incidental expenses \$4,000, and \$80 more received from the sale of some school-books on hand swelled the item to \$4,080. Of this sum \$3,304.47 has been spent, leaving \$775.53 in the treasury.

Two thousand five hundred dollars were voted for repairs and improvement of grounds and buildings, all of which has been laid out.

Two thousand dollars were appropriated for the salary of a superintendent.

For teachers' salaries, fuel, and care of rooms and fires, twenty-five thousand dollars were granted, of which \$21,373.48 went to pay teachers' salaries; \$1,747.22 for care of rooms and fires, and \$1,483.80 to supply a stock of wood and coal sufficient for the whole season, making a total of

\$24,604.50. It will be seen, therefore, that a balance remains of \$395.50 of this fund.

But besides the regular appropriations, there are two resources upon which it has always been customary to rely to supplement the ordinary supply voted by the town.

Of these the first is the income of the Coddington land, \$75, and the School Fund, \$298.18. It will thus be apparent that the total expenditure for all causes has fallen below the anticipated outlay by \$1,544.21.

Nor does this show exactly the true state of the case. It was found that an aggregate of \$1,264.88 of liabilities incurred and properly chargeable to former years, had to be paid from this year's surplus. This objectionable practice, however, will not occur in the year coming. For it is confidently believed that not one liability, charge, or indebtedness of any kind, properly incidental to the school year, which closed Feb. 1, 1876, has been either by inadvertence or design left unsatisfied, to fall upon its successor. It is also proper to point out, that of the twenty-five hundred dollars expended in repairs, nearly two thousand were required for such extraordinary demands for permanent improvement as grading, fencing, and slating.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The committee are of opinion that they shall require for the present school year —

For salaries of teachers, fuel, and care of rooms,	
the sum of	\$25,000
Incidental charges,	2,000
Finishing Washington school,	225
Alteration of Coddington “	3,500
Transportation,	500
Salary of superintendent,	2,000
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	\$33,225

The total sum, therefore, which the committee deem essential for the school expenses and alterations for the next year, is thirty-three thousand two hundred and twenty five dollars.

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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Gentlemen of the School Committee : —

In accordance with your instructions, I have the honor to submit for your consideration this, my First Annual Report.

On assuming the office of school superintendent (April 20, 1875), I made a careful examination into the condition and wants of the schools entrusted to my care. I found the facts so pointedly set forth in your recent reports to be substantially correct. Without entering here into details, I will sum up my conclusions in a few words; namely, *the results obtained are entirely inadequate to the large amount of money expended and pains taken*. Certainly much good, earnest work had been done by the teachers, and some very favorable results were found; yet the need of one common, continuous, systematic plan of work for all the schools was strikingly apparent. With your approval, the following new measures were adopted, and changes made: —

1. The course of instruction in the primary and grammar schools was reduced from nine to eight years.

2. Each district school was divided into eight distinct classes, and designated A, B, C, D, Grammar, and A, B, C, D, Primary.

3. The old course of study was discarded and a new one prepared, conforming to the above changes, and suited to the present wants of the schools.

4. The school year was reduced from forty-three to forty weeks, and divided into three terms,— a Fall term of sixteen weeks, and Winter and Spring terms of twelve weeks each, — with additional vacations at Christmas and in the Spring.

5. Oral and written examinations are made during the last four weeks of each term by the superintendent, for the purpose of ascertaining the progress of the pupils, and their fitness for promotion. You decided to make but one general examination in the year, and that in the month of May or June.

6. Pupils are promoted whenever it is found, by examination, that they are well fitted to do the work of the next class above, without regard to the number of years that they have attended school.

7. Monthly reports of attendance, tardiness and truancy from all the schools are made to the school committee and superintendent.

COURSE OF STUDY.

Owing to the marked difference in the attainments of classes of the same grade, it was not an easy task to prepare a course of study adapted to their respective wants. A Course of Study was prepared and given to the teachers with instructions to thoroughly examine their respective classes, and then to teach those subjects, in the order directed, that were especially adapted to their condition. In this manner I believe classes of the same grade will gradually and surely work up to a required and common standard. It is very evident that this has not been the custom. Teachers have taught that part of the course of study assigned them without regard to the previous advancement of the children: thus rendering *rote teaching a necessity*; for progress in the acquisition of a science depends entirely upon the mastery of each successive step. Unless this plain condition is complied with the pupil *cannot* understand the subject, and the teacher is obliged to take the usual refuge of teaching the form without the substance. The foundation must be laid before the superstructure *can* be built. This vain attempt to build upon nothing, costing the country untold millions of money, the precious energies of teachers, the time and toil of parents and children, will surely lead us to mental bankruptcy, if the stupendous fraud is not soon abolished and

healthier plans of better teaching substituted therefor. A teacher who is directed to teach that for which his or her class is not prepared, is justified in appealing to a Higher Law. The Course of Study is made up of subjects, or parts of sciences, in their proper order of development ; the teachers, however, are at liberty to use the text books prescribed, without stint, and what other method or plan they may deem proper. Arbitrary power, in directing certain methods to be used, however good they may be, deprives the teacher of his or her highest qualification for the work,—*individuality*. The examinations, however, are made in the subjects taught without any regard to the text books.

The thing to be ascertained is, how much does the pupil really *know*, not how many pages, rules, definitions, and formulas have been learned, or examples performed. Indeed, the examinations in school should be made similar to the tests of knowledge in real life, which relate principally to the ability to do practical, useful things ; to find the interest upon a note, to keep accounts, to measure wood, stone, and timber accurately, to write a good business hand, to indite a properly spelled, well-composed letter, to use correct and refined language, and, above all, to act promptly, intelligently, and honestly. These tests, it seems to me, are the proper ones in the examinations of our common schools. The last four weeks of each term are devoted to careful and thorough oral and written examinations, conducted so far as possible in the manner above indicated. The papers of the written examinations are preserved for the inspection of the School Committee, parents, and all persons interested. Careful records of the results are kept by the teachers, forming an important part of the children's school history.

ATTENDANCE.

Regular attendance is in the highest degree essential to progress in school ; as essential, in fact, as continued and close attention to business is to success in that direction. Days of absence render futile all attempts to continuous

teaching, so necessary in the development of any subject; thus, the teacher is obliged to rob the whole class of much valuable time, in order to teach the absentees the lost lessons, or the entire work is of little or no value to them.

Active measures to lessen this great evil have been taken. During the long, wearisome term, lasting from the Monday after Thanksgiving until the middle of July, parents were accustomed to take their children out of school for rest and recuperation, thus breaking in upon the school-work at every step. The shortening of the school year, and its division into three terms, with vacations at the close of each, has, I think, remedied this difficulty, for much more time is now spent in the school-room than under the old arrangement. Following are the remarks printed upon the monthly reports:—

TO TEACHERS.

The principal evil against which we contend is *irregularity of attendance*. Pupils who attend irregularly, not only derive very little positive benefit from school themselves, but disturb and lessen greatly the advantages of the other members of their classes. *The success of a school is indicated, in a great degree, by the per cent of attendance.*

1. This Report should be read and studied by each teacher; and, in some cases, should be read and explained to the pupils. in order to create a proper emulation in trying to have the highest per cents of attendance.

2. *Pupils should never be encouraged to attend school when sick, or in any way incapacitated for school work.*

3. Pupils should always be required to bring from their parents a written excuse for absence.

4. Every case of truancy should be carefully and persistently treated. The blame for any neglect in this regard will fall upon the teacher.

5. The principals and teachers *should spare no pains in keeping in school all children legally required to attend.*

6. All possible and proper means should be used to interest and encourage dull and backward pupils, — and great care taken not to *discourage* them.

7. The best means that can be recommended to prevent truancy and irregularity of attendance, is by making the school *attractive*. Good, wholesome, normal instruction, a mild, firm government, and a proper amount of exercise, — in other words, *SUNSHINE* in the schoolroom, will do more to keep children in school than all other means put together.

BETTER TEACHING.

Thus far I have given a brief outline of the re-organization of the schools, and the systematic arrangement of the work ; but this alone would accomplish little in the promotion of education, unless closely followed by *THE* all-important means ; namely, *BETTER TEACHING*. Magnificent school buildings, the finest furniture, plans, systems, text-books, apparatus, and all the so-called machinery, are worthless, unless animated by the life, strength, and vigor of good, wholesome, normal teaching.

METHODS.

The first step in the direction of better teaching has been the introduction of improved methods for those hitherto used.

The utter impracticability of the methods in common use has been clearly shown by great thinkers and educators, from Pestalozzi down. The commonly used A B C method has been condemned by every *prominent* educator in the United States, for the last twenty years ; and, with very few exceptions, the same can be said in regard to the prevailing methods of teaching Grammar, Arithmetic, and Geogragphy. Doubt about the matter on the part of thoughtful persons is no longer possible. Their use is a great extravagance of money and time. Proofs of the meagre results produced by them are to be seen on every hand. It costs the town of

Quincy, at the least calculation, \$25,000 to prepare a class for the High School. Now take the large pile of examination papers of candidates for that school, in this office, and look them over; there is not a single good business handwriting among them all. The language, punctuation, and capitalization are exceedingly poor; much of the spelling is worthy the invention of a Josh Billings. The results in other branches can be better imagined than described. I wish that the taxpayers of Quincy would examine these papers for themselves.

These, then, are the results of the investment of \$25,000, and the time and toil of the children for nine years, — and the *best* results too, — for they are the work of the few who remain in school the entire course. This state of things is not the fault of the teachers, but of the methods and the system, — or, rather, the lack of a system. The methods that are now being introduced into the schools of Quincy are by no means experiments. They have been tested for thirty years in Germany, and for several years in parts of our own country. Their application have produced as great a change in teaching, as Harvey's great discovery did in medicine. Although derived from a careful study of mental laws, they have been, in many respects, intuitively known and practiced in real life; by the mother in the nursery, the mechanic in the shop, the farmer in the field, and the chemist in his laboratory, the essence of them all is the *teaching of things*, and not *words* alone.

The special basis is the thing. What carpenter would attempt to teach an apprentice to build a house, by rules and definitions alone? What farmer would instruct his son in the science of agriculture before he had mastered its elementary processes, with the active aid of the hoe, plow, and scythe? How long would it take a boy to make a good boot in a shop where the foreman taught, from a text-book, the rules and definitions of cutting, pegging, and stitching? How would children learn to talk, if the same abominable system of mnemonics were practiced in the nursery as in the primary school? Fortunately, the child has five or six years of wholesome instruction to prepare for the terrible ordeal.

In short, it is proposed to use the common sense of real life in the school-room.

It is a strange, peculiar fact, that the nation most prolific of inventions is still moving on in the stage-coach of educational methods ; keeping, with stubborn tenacity, in the old worn ruts of rote teaching. Methods of economizing brain power are neglected, while those mechanical inventions that economize force are quickly seized upon and made use of. Why is this the case ? If benefits, similar to those produced by the railroad and telegraph can be derived from the use of these methods, why do not our teachers universally use them ? The sewing machine hums by countless firesides, the reaper sweeps down vast fields of golden grain all over the land. If, then, like these, methods of instruction could be *bought*, the change from the old to the new would be as abrupt as that from the stage-coach to the steam car, and every school in the land would be filled with new life. The solution, then, of this puzzling question, is a plain one ; *these methods can only be acquired by long, careful, patient, persevering study*. They must be studied as the master painter studies his art, and the successful lawyer his profession. Not until teachers thus *know* them, will they be applied, and the solemn fact is ; *teachers generally do not know them*. Superficial knowledge, or mere imitation of other teachers, will, of course, produce superficial results, and render the methods unpopular.

THE CHILD'S FIRST YEAR IN SCHOOL.

Hegel, the great German philosopher, says that a child learns more in the first six years of its life, than it ever afterwards can learn.

After these five or six years of active object teaching and healthful play, the child enters the schoolroom. Imagination, curiosity, love for mental and physical activity are in a state of vigorous development. It is very evident that Nature's great methods, object teaching, and play, should not be abruptly changed to dull, wearisome hours

of listless inactivity upon hard benches, interspersed with occasional glimpses into a mysterious volume crowded with black, ugly-looking hieroglyphics, as meaningless to the innocent little one as Chinese or Sanscrit signs are to most of us. And, to add to its misery, these black objects are given names far uglier than themselves, and these names must be laboriously learned before the poor child can obtain one glimpse of the bright objects that lie beyond.

No wonder that the love for school, and all that pertains to it, is so often crushed out of the little innocents.

Every good element that has entered into the child's life should be used, — in a word a primary school should have all the attributes of a pleasant, cheerful home. Home, playground, school, should be the golden pathways to a higher culture.

I am happy to report that the work in the lowest primary schools has been entirely and radically changed. The old A B C method has been abolished (I hope forever), and a far better one established. The little folks play, sing, read, count objects, write, draw, and are happy under the direction of very faithful and efficient teachers. At a comparatively small expense, many of the best features of the Kindergarten could be very profitably introduced into this grade.

METHOD OF TEACHING PRIMARY READING.

OBJECT METHOD.

The mother's method is to show her child the object, and then repeat the name. The more interests an object arouses the quicker its name will be learned. Words that do not recall an object (idea) are empty sounds. Upon these simple facts is based the Object Method, which consists in first showing the object, — a picture of the object, — or vividly recalling it, and then teaching its name. I here use the word *object* in its philosophical sense, comprehending not only objects in themselves, but their attributes, actions, &c.

WORD METHOD.

The spoken or sound word is learned as a *whole*, that is, there is no *conscious* analysis on the part of the child. Now, the spoken word is almost, if not quite, as complex as the printed word, and, therefore, the latter should not be analyzed; a name given to each part, and these names pronounced before the whole is pronounced in order to learn it, as in the A, B, C method, any more than the former should be so learned. On the contrary, the five years' practice and experience should be continued. Hence the Word Method.

PHONIC METHOD.

1. Although the spoken word is learned as a whole, yet its parts are *unconsciously* recognized and combined.

2. A spoken word is a sound or combination of sounds. To make a sound, the vocal organs must be in a particular position. The succeeding sound is made then by changing the position; this change, in ordinary pronunciation, requires a *slight imperceptible pause*. Make this pause perceptible, and the word is *pronounced slowly*, or, as it is miscalled, "spelled by sound."

3. Repeated trials have proven that little children will recognize words when pronounced slowly (spelled by sound), with nearly the same facility as when ordinarily pronounced, and that they will readily learn to pronounce words in this manner.

4. With few exceptions, the words taught the first and second years are purely phonic in construction.

5. These words, arranged in groups, according to similarity of vowel sounds, are learned with great facility, as the pronunciation of one word furnishes a key to the others of the same group. From these premises is deduced the Phonic Method *proper*. The unity of the word, as required by the Word Method, is still maintained; that is, there is no *conscious* analysis until the child's mind is slowly prepared for it.

SENTENCE METHOD.

A sentence cannot be properly read, that is, the thought expressed is not known until each and all words in the sentence are grasped and combined. The pronunciation of each word in a sentence, separately, and then, after the last word is pronounced, struggling to catch the thought, is, to say the least, a very imperfect way of reading. In the Sentence Method, the words are seen, known, and combined, before an attempt is made to express the thought, which is then expressed in the child's natural manner. The usual, pitiful style of screeching words is thus avoided.

The Object, Word, Phonic, and Sentence Methods, derived as they are from the mother's method of teaching her little ones to talk, are combined into one harmonious whole, without the least complexity or confusion, and like so many mental faculties, are developed in the child's mind. To this combined method is yet added one important element, that of writing. The child copies upon its slate words written upon the blackboard, thus firmly fixing their forms in the mind.

Written words and sentences are taught from the blackboard for five or six months, or until the children are fully prepared for the effective use of the First Reader.

The transition from script (writing) to print is very easy, so easy that the little folks scarcely notice the difference.

One, two, and even three First Readers are easily read through during the first year. The same method, essentially, should be pursued for the second, third, and fourth years; after that, little or no time need be given to the direct teaching of reading. It is found that the reading of one textbook in a year does not sufficiently prepare a class for the next and more difficult reader. Continually reading the same text, and learning it by heart is of no possible benefit. Children who read well generally read a great deal at home. They use repeatedly this small but ever-increasing vocabulary in the eager perusal of interesting stories. The town has furnished the children reading matter to a small extent, while I have loaned them quite a number of my own books.

A bound volume of that popular children's magazine, the Nursery, is now read after the Second Reader is completed. Sheldon's Fourth Reader follows Munroe's Fourth, and Higginson's admirable United States History takes the place of the Sixth Reader, which is considered to be entirely too difficult for profitable use at present.

PENMANSHIP.

The custom of printing letters and words for two or three years is no longer practiced, for the good reason that the children learn to write as easily as to print, and the latter is of no practical benefit after it is learned. Besides copying words from the blackboard, a thorough systematic course of primary writing is given, by which the little folks learn to write well the first year. Form is thoroughly learned upon the slate and blackboard, — making the work with the pen wholly one of movement. Using the simplest exercises, classes are drilled simultaneously in pen holding and movement until they can make smooth lines on both nibs of the pen, — then the work with the pencil can be easily reproduced with the pen. Under this plan every child in town, of healthy physical organization, can be taught to write a good business hand in four years. The importance of thus early learning to write cannot be overestimated. Many otherwise wearisome hours are filled with interesting labor. Spelling and language are learned from the first by writing, and written examinations are held at the close of the first, D Primary, year. Besides this, the time usually spent in learning to write during the last four years of the course can be devoted to other work.

SPELLING.

Spelling is only used in writing, one of the simple truths so often lost sight of in teaching. The words that I am now writing are the transcripts, mental pictures of words in my brain. Correct spelling depends, wholly, upon the accuracy and distinctness of these mental pictures.

The problem of teaching spelling is simply what is the best method of acquiring these mental pictures. The form

of any object is best learned by drawing it: the inference is plain; pupils should be taught to carefully copy words upon their slates until the forms are fixed in the mind, — then they can easily be reproduced without a copy. By repeated trial, this method is found to be a great saving of time and labor. What words should a child be taught to spell? I answer, first of all, its own vocabulary; that is, the words it is taught to use in writing and speaking. The words commonly misspelled are not the polysyllables and jaw-breakers of the spelling schools, — words that the masses rarely, if ever, use; but little simple words, like which, those, and pretty. Teach the used and useful first, and then the ornamental? if there is time.

A gentleman informs me that a lady of his acquaintance took five prizes, in as many different spelling-matches, and then, in writing a note, misspelled several little words.

GRAMMAR.

English Grammar, or how “to speak and write the English language correctly,” is now taught in every grade of our District Schools. Correct speaking and writing are habits formed by long and constant practice. This practice is begun the day that the little one enters school, and continued through the course of eight years. The teaching of technical Grammar has been, for a time, discontinued. When, however, a due proficiency in speaking and writing is acquired, it may be profitably taught. Fluency in the use of language is learned by writing simple compositions, consisting of descriptions, stories, &c.

ARITHMETIC.

More time and labor are wasted in the teaching of Arithmetic than in any other branch. The utter incapability of a large majority of the graduates from Grammar and even High schools, to solve simple mathematical examples, sufficiently proves this statement. An intelligent stoneworker can teach his son to measure stone in a few months. The young accountant soon learns to add a column of figures

rapidly and correctly, cast the interest upon a note, and compute equated time. Why is not the same practical work done by teachers? The same means could, no doubt, be produced by the same means, which summarized are, — First, the thorough teaching of one definite thing at a time; Second, the teaching of things, and using figures simply as their representatives.

GEOGRAPHY.

“Point towards Hudson’s Bay,” asks the school examiner, and the pupil confidently points to the ceiling. A class, after describing the *map* of Africa in a satisfactory manner, were asked some simple questions concerning the United States. They were dumb, and the teacher hastily explained that they had studied the United States *last year*. A class that had studied geography two years were requested to define a peninsula. The definition was recited in concert, verbatim. “Did you ever *see* a peninsula?” was asked, when they all affirmed positively that they never had. It remains to be said, that most of the class were born, and had lived all their lives, on a peninsula. These are not exceptional cases; they fairly illustrate the result of teaching an unconnected mass of statistics and facts, that fortunately soon fade from the memory. The beautiful landscapes and sea views in and around Quincy contain in miniature, with slight exceptions, every form of land and water upon earth. The imagination constructs, out of these elementary parts imaged in the mind, a permanent, correct idea of the great unseen world. Fill up this picture with political divisions, cities, towns, railroads, and the great moving masses of mankind. Names, places, dates, located upon a living picture like this, are remembered, just as we recall every detail of our boyhood’s playground, or the fields, woods, hills, dales and running brooks of the old home-farm. Indeed, the two ideas are one and the same. I am aware that this plan is considered impracticable by many teachers, and particularly by certain book publishers, and will be *until they have time to prepare a new text-book containing the modern ideas*. I have given, at your

request, these brief outlines of the methods introduced with some degree of reluctance, preferring rather to wait, and let the results speak for themselves. I do not wish to have it understood that favorable results have not already been produced, but that a full and complete reform can only be accomplished by the slow, persistent work of years.

TEACHERS.

The teachers have, without exception, labored earnestly and faithfully to carry out the new designs; they have taken every criticism with a cordial good will; they have attended weekly meetings for the discussion and explanation of plans and methods. It must be frankly acknowledged that the introduction of the improved methods has greatly increased their labor, every step of which must be taken with much thought and care; yet, without a moment's shrinking, they have zealously sustained every proposed measure. I can safely affirm that the corps of teachers employed in Quincy could be favorably compared with that of any town or city of its size in the country. This, to me, is a sure harbinger of success.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The teaching of Latin, French, and the higher mathematics, to pupils who have not mastered the common rudimentary branches of English education is an absurdity. There is no lack of good, efficient labor, in the prescribed studies on the part of both principal and assistant, yet it seems to me that the time might be much more profitably spent in work that should have been done in the grammar schools. The standard of the latter must be raised before that of the High School can be.

TRAINING SCHOOL.

During the Fall term, I taught a training class, consisting of young ladies, residents of the town and graduates of the High School. The class were instructed in the art of teaching, and required to practice it, under the observation

and criticism of experienced teachers. Particular attention was given to primary teaching. Three of the young ladies have permanent positions as teachers, and the others may be favorably recommended to your notice when vacancies in the primary departments occur.

I herewith append the annual Financial Report and statistical tables.

FRANCIS W. PARKER, *Supt. Schools.*

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Teachers' Salaries.

HIGH SCHOOL.

H. A. Keith,	\$1400 00	
Sarah L. Barnes,	347 71	
Ellen Holbrook,	325 00	
Josiah B. Stetson, music teacher,	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,222 71

ADAMS SCHOOL.

Seth Dewing, Jun.,	641 87	
Geo. J. Aldrich,	600 00	
Esther B. Hall,	374 98	
Georgie Patterson,	237 50	
Hattie F. Thayer,	464 33	
Eliza C. Shehan,	461 59	
Mary L. Flint,	461 59	
L. A. Williams,	450 00	
M. Palmer,	88 36	
Charlotte M. Frost,	225 00	
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CODDINGTON SCHOOL.

J. Henry Wardwell,	1200 00	
Carrie B. Barnes,	254 06	
Ellen E. McKean,	237 50	
Mary E. Dinegan,	475 00	
Julia E. Underwood,	450 00	
Lizzie E. Morse,	450 00	
S. M. Stinchfield,	240 70	
	<hr/>	3,307 26

QUINCY SCHOOL.

Lewis F. Hobbs,	\$641 86	
William N. White,	480 00	
Sylvester Brown,	120 00	
Lizzie A. Flint,	324 41	
Mary A. Woods,	99 75	
Elgina M. Plummer,	450 00	
Emily Stanley,	83 72	
Cora Young,	45 00	
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WASHINGTON SCHOOL.

I. Freeman Hall,	1,200 00	
Mary Marden,	475 00	
A. S. Amsbury,	62 82	
L. Addie Souther,	450 00	
Emily A. Bosworth,	475 00	
Jennie Bates,	408 66	
Alice S. Reid,	355 83	
Carrie E. Morse,	94 18	
	<hr/>	3,521 49

WILLARD SCHOOL.

S. C. Higgins,	1,088 40	
Henry F. Woodman,	120 00	
Minnie Marden,	475 00	
M. T. Dewing,	475 00	
Cora F. Nichols,	332 13	
M. L. Pierce,	450 00	
Emmiline A. Newcomb, paid \$41.88 for		
last year,	491 86	
Ada E. Locke,	282 54	
Nellie Fegan,	167 44	
Mary A. Spear,	450 00	
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WOLLASTON SCHOOL.

Hattie H. Morse,	800 00	
Lydia S. Follett,	475 00	
M. C. Averill,	240 69	
Belle A. Thomas,	225 00	
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Total amount paid for teaching,		\$21,373 48

FUEL.

High School, coal, winter of '74 and '75,	\$56 00	
" " '75 and '76,	111 75	\$167 75
Adams " " '75 and '76,	124 86	
fuel,	10 00	134 86
Coddington School, coal, winter of '75		
and '76,	133 76	
fuel,	2 00	135 76
Quincy School, coal, winter of '74 and '75,	72 00	
" " '75 and '76,	154 00	226 00
Washington School, coal, winter of '74		
and '75,	96 00	
coal, winter of '75		
and '76,	238 40	
fuel,	10 00	344 40
Willard School, coal, winter of '74 and		
'75,	120 00	
coal, winter of '75 and '76	224 64	
fuel, \$15, '74 and '75,	25 00	369 64
Wollaston School, coal, winter of '75 and		
'76	105 40	105 40
Amount paid for fuel, '74 and '75,	359 00	
" " " '75 and '76,	1,124 81	1,483 81

CARE OF ROOMS AND FIRES.

High School, C. H. Pray, to May 22, 1875,	\$65 00	
J. E. Maxim, Feb, 1, 1876,	146 29	\$211 29
Adams School, C. H. Pray, to May 1,		
1875,	65 00	
J. E. Maxim, Feb. 1, 1876,	146 30	211 30
Coddington School, Wm. Pray, to May		
22, 1875,	75 00	
J. E. Maxim, to Feb.		
1, 1876,	138 60	213 60
Quincy School, Peter Rowell, to May 22,		
1875,	84 00	
Peter Rowell, to Feb. 1,		
1876,	121 32	205 32

Washington School, John Harmon, to		
June 19, 1875,	\$96 00	
John Harmon, to		
Feb. 1, 1876,	173 16	
Mrs. Porter (Neck)	49 50	318 66
Willard School, J. Sprague, to May 22,		
1875,	143 00	
" & others, to		
Feb. 1, 1876,	202 10	345 10
Wollaston School, G.W. Griffin & others,		
to May 29, 1875,	124 11	
Alexander Gordon &		
others, to Feb. 1,		
1876,	117 84	241 95
Total am't care of rooms and fires,		\$1747 22

REPAIRS.

HIGH SCHOOL.

J. D. Rollins, repairs on fence and out-		
houses,	\$10 00	
John Kilshaw, grading yard for wall,	15 25	
J. Q. A. Field, carting stone,	16 00	
E. Menhinck, building wall,	22 93	
John H. Hersey, painting fence,	15 00	
Joseph W. Grigg, repairing roof,	23 37	
George Butler, " "	9 01	
E. E. Fellows, " "	15 63	\$127 19

ADAMS SCHOOL.

L. & E. M. Litchfield, stock & labor,		
1874,	\$42 00	
W. Lakin, lumber for floor,	15 59	
Joseph W. Grigg, slating roof,	298 88	
J. D. Rollins, stock & labor for rep's,	70 75	
J. W. Grigg, painting chimney,	3 00	
J. Snell, whitewashing,	41 00	
J. D. Rollins, repairs on fence, and out-		
houses,	10 00	\$481 22

CODDINGTON SCHOOL.

J. D. Rollins, repairs on fence and out-houses,	\$20 00	\$20 00
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QUINCY SCHOOL.

J. D. Rollins, 125 cedar posts,	\$47 50	
“ “ labor on fence, painting,		
making steps, grading and repairs,	266 00	
Otis Eddy & Co., lumber for fence and steps,	322 03	
Burdett & Williams, hardware,	18 11	
C. & F. King, paints & oils,	94 45	
Whitman & Breck, superint'g grading,	10 00	
Wm. Mahoney, grading yard,	70 00	
Peter Rowell, labor, making walks,	19 25	
	<hr/>	\$847 34

WASHINGTON SCHOOL.

John H. Hersey, painting school-house and fence,	\$238 70	
E. E. Fellows, tinning roof and other repairs,	40 24	
J. D. Rollins, blinds, fastenings, labor on outhouses, stock & repairs,	87 02	
J. Snell, whitewashing,	30 50	
	<hr/>	\$396 46

WILLARD SCHOOL.

Joseph W. Grigg, slating roof,	\$200 00	
Elisha Hobart, plastering and whitewashing,	12 75	
Jonas Shackley, stock and labor,	15 08	
Keating & Spear, varnish,	3 34	
	<hr/>	\$231 17

WOLLASTON SCHOOL.

Waterhouse, grading yard, 1874,	\$50 00	
J. D. Rollins " " digging blind		
drain, cess-pool flags,	288 00	
Keating & Spear, repairs,	18 11	
Whitman & Breck, estimates of, and su-		
perintending, grading,	20 00	
Joseph W. Grigg, repairing roof,	20 51	
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	\$396 62	
Total amount paid for repairs,		\$2,500 00

INCIDENTALS.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Rockwell, Churchill & Co., printing, 1874,	\$27 50	
G. S. Coffin, keys,	2 00	
E. B. Souther, books,	5 72	
C. H. Pray, ink, brooms and cleaning		
materials,	7 55	
J. E. Maxim, building drain, changing		
desks, and setting glass,	9 15	
E. E. Fellows, dippers,	75	
F. W. Loomis, tuning piano,	2 20	
Rockwell & Churchill, printing,	42 50	
Keating & Spear, moving piano,	6 50	
Amos M. Litchfield, repairs,	45	
Oliver Ditson, music,	6 17	
Ewell & Josephs, moving plants,	1 00	
J. E. Maxim, cleaning materials,	12 00	
C. S. Hubbard, 1 package ribbon,	1 50	
J. L. Hammett, Mason's music charts,	20 00	
Citizens' Gas Co., footlights,	3 00	
John H. Hersey, painting,	5 00	
A. B. Packard, flowers,	3 00	
Wm. H. French, repairing chimney,	7 50	\$163 49

ADAMS SCHOOL.

G. S. Coffin, keys,	\$ 0 30	
C. H. Pray, stock, labor setting glass,	7 40	
E. A. C. Hardwick, rent of land,	10 00	
E. B. Souther, books,	23 46	
Dr. W. S. Pattee, Guyot's wall-map,	8 00	
Jenkins & Jordan, lightning rods,	86 80	
Ira Litchfield, repairs stone house,	1 68	
Keating & Spear, varnish,	3 33	
P. A. Wales, pump,	23 00	
J. E. Maxim, cleaning materials,	18 00	
" " labor,	22 50	
Amos M. Litchfield, labor,	1 00	
L. Litchfield, blackboards,	26 31	
Fred. Hardwick, taking census,	20 00	
John Clark, setting glass,	6 55	
Ewell & Josephs, hanging bells,	4 00	
J. L. Hammett, bell and music chart,	11 58	
E. E. Fellows, stove and pipe,	78 38	
S. Dewing, Jr., books,	4 34	
" " taking census,	5 00	
J. O. Holden, clocks and repairs,	8 25	
John Gray, carting,	0 75	
Whitney & Nash, nails,	0 79	
Ira Litchfield, water pails, dippers and labor,	5 50	
Daniel Baxter, ink and nails,	4 94	
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QUINCY SCHOOLS.

T. Gurney, books, 1874,	\$41 61	
S. D. Ramsdell, repairing windows,	13 50	
T. Gurney, books,	22 07	
J. M. Glover, setting glass,	3 00	\$80 18
L. Ballou, conveying children,	56 00	56 00
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		\$136 18

Coddington School.

Amos M. Litchfield, labor and stock, 1874,	\$10 02	
J. L. Fairbanks, books,	2 25	
Wm. Pray, feather duster and brooms,	11 95	
J. L. Hammett, crayons, erasers,	35 00	
G. Clements, maps, frames,	30 00	
E. B. Souther, books,	7 25	
Wm. Pray, polishing stove,	50	
Jenkins & Jordan, lightning rods,	52 60	
J. E. Maxim, cleaning materials,	15 00	
Keating & Spear, curtain fixtures,	7 20	
E. E. Fellows, dippers,	75	
E. B. Souther, taking census,	20 00	
Keating & Spear, varnish,	1 60	
C. F. Pierce, stove, pipe, and repairs,	52 30	
J. E. Maxim, setting glass,	3 02	
Whitney & Nash, hardware,	4 80	
John Freeman, care of Crane school-house,	5 00	
A. M. Alpaugh, express,	1 75	\$260 99
Lapham Bros., conveying children,	129 00	
Joseph T. French, " "	392 50	
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		<hr/> \$782 49

Washington School.

E. B. Souther, books, 1874,	\$35 09
Jenkins & Jordan, lightning rods, 1874,	32 00
L. & E. M. Litchfield, blackboards, 1874,	14 00
D. S. Baxter, labor, 1874,	35 00
John Hall, team, 1874,	3 00
G. A. Coffin, keys,	35
Cutter & Tower, ink, crayon,	7 40
E. B. Souther, books,	13 32
J. A. Littlefield, tuning piano,	2 00
John Harmon, shoveling snow,	3 00

John Harmon, digging drain,	2 00	
Keating & Spear, curtain fixtures & paint,	33 13	
John Harmon, cleaning material,	7 50	
G. Clements, repairing windows, labor, and stock,	8 11	
J. H. Rollins, blackboards,	13 00	
Ewell & Josephs, furniture,	22 25	
E. E. Fellows, stove-pipe and repairs,	4 50	
J. H. Slade, desks,	12 00	
J. O. Holden, clocks and repairs,	17 00	
Charles Hall, pails,	1 36	
Patrick Connor, cleaning vault,	14 00	
Whitney & Nash, grass-seed,	84	
Thomas S. Cleverly, whitewashing,	2 50	\$283 35

WILLARD SCHOOL.

L. & E. Litchfield, stock and labor, 1874,	\$ 8 00	
G. S. Coffin, keys,	30	
G. A. Mitchell, setting glass,	2 50	
J. L. Hammett, baskets, books, ink,	5 32	
E. E. Fellows, dippers,	1 50	
P. A. Wales & Son, pump,	39 50	
Jenkins & Jordan, repairing lightn'g rods,	8 20	
J. D. Rollins, map bracket,	22 00	
Mary Spear, taking census,	20 00	
John Gray, moving desks,	6 25	
Keating & Spear, paint,	2 18	
J. O. Holden, repairing clocks,	5 25	
E. H. Doble, ink,	3 74	
Wm. B. Ryan, repairing pump,	10 00	
Badger Bros., repairs,	1 80	
Jonas Shackley, labor and stock,	80	
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Ripley Bros., conveying children,	141 20	
Enoch E. Hall, " "	16 00	
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		\$294 54

WOLLASTON SCHOOL.

Keating & Spear, repairs, 1874,	\$19 03
Cyrus Carpenter, cleaning furnace, 1874,	4 00
E. F. Field, " " "	1 50
E. B. Souther, ink,	3 85
E. E. Fellows, dippers,	1 75
Josiah Sparrow, labor,	2 75
J. C. Russell, brooms and cleaning materials,	3 47
J. D. Rollins, preparing for blackboards, map brackets, repairing windows, extra labor on yard,	62 60
Alex. Gordon, cleaning materials,	3 00
John O. Holden, repairing clocks,	5 25
J. A. Swazey, blackboards,	18 40
Keating & Spear, varnish,	1 05
Whitney & Nash, grass seed,	1 88
Ewel & Josephs, stock and labor,	3 89
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	\$132 42

MISCELLANEOUS.

M. E. Green, printing, Jan. 1874,	\$21	25	
M. E. Green, printing, Jan. 1875,	34	40	
Alfred Brooks, printing,	5	25	
Robert Cooke, paper, inkstands, stationery, slate pencils,	28	02	
Nichols & Hall, crayon, ink,	31	80	
J. L. Hammett, blackboard, mats, 12 dozen ink wells, 4 dozen erasers, 2 copper ink fillers, slating, paper, baskets, stationery, and supplies,	144	30	
C. S. Coolidge, express,	15	20	
A. S. Barnes & Co., Jepson's music books, 1874,	520	00	
W. D. Buck, 30 school registers,	9	00	
G. H. Thomas, desk-top,	6	00	
G. H. Thomas, 16½ dozen erasers,	27	38	
Rand & Avery, printing blank reports,	28	75	
F. W. Parker, stationery, express, postage,	34	50	
M. W. Tewksbury, books,	32	18	
E. Steiger, books,	6	64	
Burdett & Williams, hardware,	3	47	
T. G. Emerson, care of supt's office,	11	50	
E. B. Souther, books, stationery,	27	78	
Sampson & Cochrane, printing certificates,	21	25	
Cutter & Tower, stationery, slate pencils,	33	06	
John Allyn, books,	8	40	
Stephen Sears, books,	3	30	
Taintor Bros., Webb's Word Chart,	3	00	
Thompson, Brown, & Co., books,	18	00	
Osborne Bailey, copying examinations,	5	00	
Brewer & Tileston, books, Walton's tables,	31	40	
Butler & Co., books,	5	76	
Wm. S. Pattee, books and slates, Jan. 1876,	13	55	\$1130 14
Total amount paid of Incidentals,			\$3,304 07

**Enumeration of Children, in Town of Quincy, between the
ages of 5 and 15, May 1, 1875.**

	WHOLE NUMBER IN DIST.	NO. IN DIST. SCHOOLS.	NOT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.	HIGH SCHOOLS.
Adams,	394	299	84	11
Coddington,	318	219	70	19
Quincy,	169	152	16	1
Washington,	297	238	32	9
Willard,	448	382	57	9
Wollaston,	119	114	10	5
Total,	1727	1420	269	54
In Adams Academy				20
In Private Schools				37
Not attending school				250

RESIGNATION OF TEACHERS.

High School. — Miss Sarah L. Barnes, Asst., to accept a position in the Hyde Park High School.

Adams School. — Mr. Seth Dewing, Jr., Principal. Miss M. Palmer.

Coddington School. — Miss Stella M. Stinchfield.

Quincy School. — Mr. Lewis F. Hobbs. (Mr. Hobbs has accepted a position in the Elliot School, Boston.) Mr. Wm. N. White, Principal. Miss Lizzie A. Flint, to accept a position in the Harris School, Boston.

Washington School. — Miss Angie S. Amsbury. Miss Alice S. Reid.

Willard School. — Mr. S. C. Higgins, Principal. Miss Minnie Marden, to accept position in the Public Schools of Boston. Miss A. E. Locke.

Wollaston School. — Miss M. C. Averill.

The above-named teachers have resigned during the past year.

TEACHERS' SALARIES, AND ALL SCHOOL BILLS FOR PRECEDING
MONTHS WILL BE APPROVED ON—

Feb. 26.	June 3.	Nov. 25.
March 25.	July 1.	Dec. 23.
May 6.	Sept. 30.	Jan. 26.
	Oct. 28.	

JANITOR'S PAY-DAYS.

Feb. 26.	June 17.	Nov. 4.
March 25.	July 15.	Dec. 2.
April 22.	Aug. 12.	Dec. 30.
May 20.	Sept. 9.	Jan. 26.
	Oct. 7.	

NAMES AND SALARIES PER ANNUM OF JANITORS.

High School, James E. Maxim,	\$200
Adams School, " "	200
Coddington School, " "	200
Quincy School, Peter Rowell,	200
Washington School, John Harmon,	250
Willard School, J. Sprague,	300
Wollaston School, Alexander Gordan,	175
Neck School, Mrs. Potter,	40
Total,	<hr/> \$1,565

TERMS, 1876 & 1877.

Winter term begins Jan. 3; ends March 24; 12 weeks.

Spring term begins April 10; ends June 30; 12 weeks.

Fall term begins Sept. 4; ends Dec. 22; 16 weeks.

VACATIONS.

Spring vacation begins March 27; ends April 7.

Summer vacation begins July 3; ends Sept. 1.

Christmas vacation begins Dec. 25; ends Jan. 1.

Report of Attendance, Etc., From September 6, 1875, to February 1, 1876.

SCHOOLS.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Whole Number Enrolled.	Whole Number Pupils.	Average Number.	Average Daily Attendance.	Per Cent. of Daily Attendance.	Tardinesses.
HIGH SCHOOL.							1
	{ Mr. H. A. Keith..... }	63	63	60	59	98	16
	{ Miss Ellen Holbrook..... }						
ADAMS SCHOOL.							
A and B Grammar...	{ Mr. George I. Aldrich..... }	81	73	71	71	97	188
C Grammar.....	{ Miss Georgianna Patterson..... }	49	43	41	41	95	133
D Grammar.....	Miss Eliza C. Sheahan.....	54	45	44	44	98	114
A Primary.....	Miss Mary L. Flint.....	59	49	47	47	96	151
B Primary.....	Miss Esther B. Hall.....	58	46	44	44	95	203
C Primary.....	Miss Hattie F. Thayer.....	48	36	34	34	94	99
D Primary.....	Miss Lizzie A. Williams.....	52	35	34	34	95	85
	Miss Charlotte M. Frost.....						
	Total.....		377	327	315	96	973
CODDINGTON SCHOOL.							
A and B Grammar...	{ Mr. J. Henry Wardwell..... }	55	51	50	50	98	59
C and D Grammar...	{ Miss Ellen E. McKeen..... }	50	43	42	42	98	73
A and B Primary...	Miss Mary E. Dinegan.....	55	51	50	50	98	64
C and D Primary...	Miss Lizzie E. Morse.....	53	47	43	43	91	166
	Miss Julia E. Underwood.....						
	Total.....		207	192	185	96	362
QUINCY SCHOOL.							
B, C and D Grammar.	{ Mr. Sylvester Brown..... }	60	54	51	51	94	437
A and B Primary....	{ Miss Mary Woods..... }	45	41	37	37	90	210
C and D Primary....	Miss Elgina Hummer.....	61	44	40	40	90	213
	Miss Cora Young.....						
	Total.....		165	139	128	92	860

RULES FOR THE MONTHLY REPORTS.

1. *Whole Number.* The whole number of pupils is obtained by adding or subtracting the difference between the number entered and the number left, during the month, to the whole number at the last report.

2. *Average Number.* The average number is obtained by dividing the aggregate number of days' membership, by the number of school days in the month.

3. *Average Daily Attendance.* The average daily attendance is obtained by dividing the aggregate number of days' absence by the number of days in the month and subtracting the result from the average number.

4. *Per Cent of Attendance.* The per cent of attendance is obtained by dividing the average daily attendance by the average number.

5. *Per Cent of Absence on account of Sickness.* The per cent of absence, on account of sickness, is obtained by dividing the aggregate number of days' absence, on account of sickness, by the aggregate number of days' membership.